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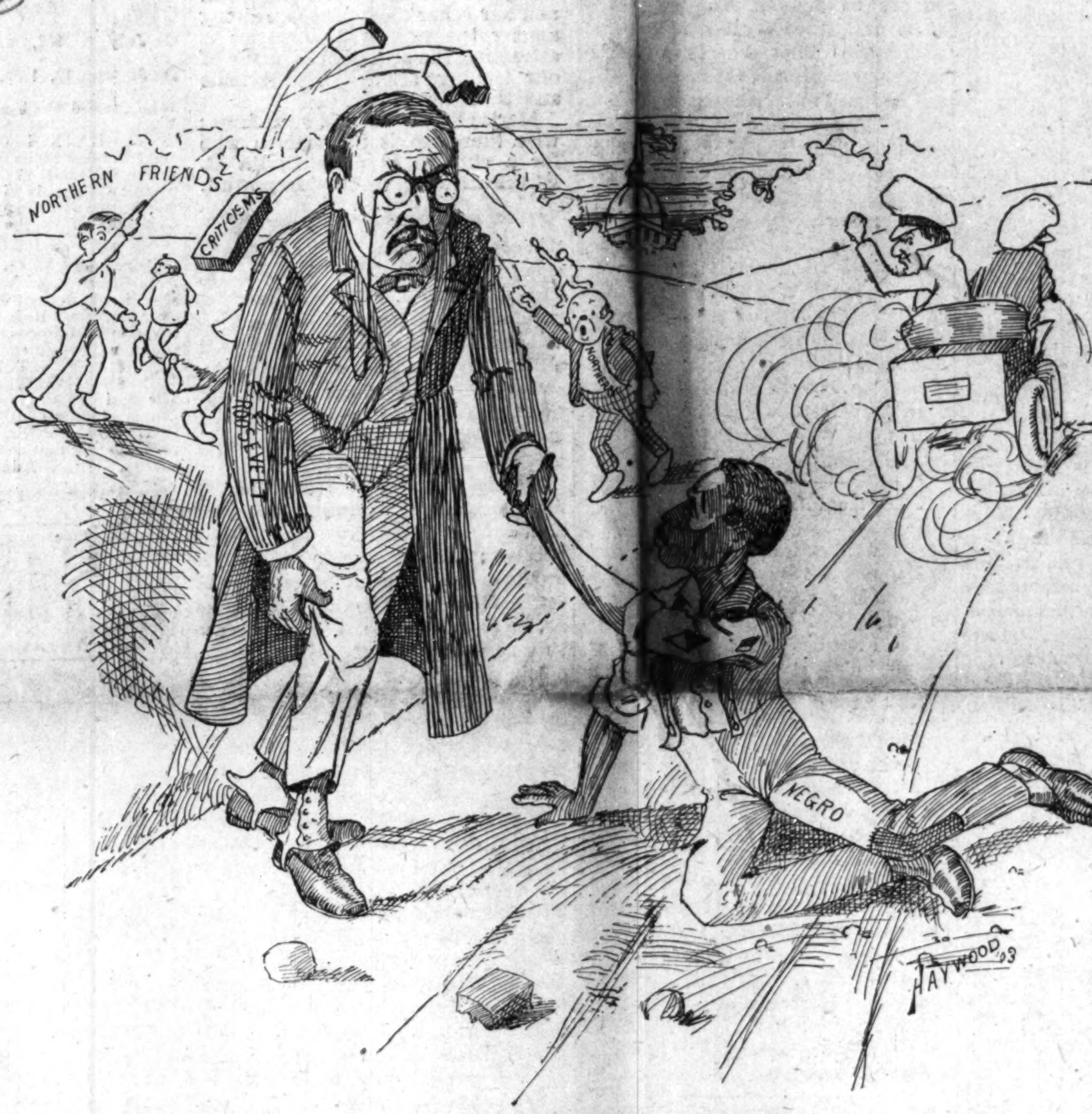

GOOD CITIZENSHIP MUST BE ENCOURAGED.

BENCH OF BISHOPS!

HE GREAT POWER WIELDED BY THIS AUGUST BODY.

THE MOTTO OF BISHOP ALLEN

Has Become a Clear-cut National Question, and the President has Declared Himself in Same Strain—The Bishops Should Stand Together.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—The recent session of the council of Bishops of the A. M. E. church held at Memphis, Tenn., is perhaps one of the most significant, important and successful gatherings of that important body that has been held in many years.

For the first time in the history of the world the very principle upon which Richard Allen justified his establishment of a church has become a clear cut national question, and the President of this nation has declared himself in words almost literally those of Richard Allen.

The council of the A. M. E. bishops represents a religious organization 700,000 strong, that flaunts at its head and on every banner, "God our Father; man our brother," and that has done battle for these truths with magnificent success for more than a century. In 1787 Allen flung this motto to the breeze but the recent council of Bishops is the first one that has ever met since the entire world has been challenged to consider the truth thus boldly proclaimed by a Delaware wood-choper one hundred and sixteen years ago.

Recent events have served to stir great excitement on the question of race. It is discussed by laboring men and statesmen, ignorant men and scholars. It is very gratifying to learn that on his trip from New York to Memphis, in Pullman car and dining car, Bishop Derrick, of New York, was treated with distinguished courtesy by his fellow passengers, who were ladies and gentlemen from both North and South. Whatever may be the feeling of such persons as the Tillmans, it is evident that the class of citizens who patronize the Pullman cars are not our enemies if they find us to be worthy of respect.

Many and grave are the questions that come before the august assembly of our bishops and it is not given unto us to know the secrets of their deliberations. By the fundamental law of the church the bishops are the general superintendents of the entire church. The individual societies are classed in conferences and the conferences in episcopal districts, the immediate supervision of which is entrusted to individual bishops; but when the bench of bishops meet they review each other's work and the needs of the field as a whole. More than this, the bishops are the head of all the departments of the church. While the immediate supervision of each department is in the hands of individual bishops, yet the bench reviews this work also. The bench of bishops has given its endorsement to all that has been done by the individual bishops, either as the president of the conferences or of department boards, and the general officers have all passed muster and the work moves on.

There are some who do not like to see so much authority and the power held by the bench of bishops, but they are wrong. This centralization of power and authority is the safety of the church. The only thing to regret is that the bishops are not altogether in harmony with each other. Some have allowed powerful general officers and clergymen to inflate them with ambitions to attain which they allow themselves to be tools rather than real leaders. This course not only assures the defeat of their hopes, but also weakens the church. The bishops should stand together. It appears that one or more of the general officers were afraid that certain questions concerning their administration would be pushed and they were afraid to face the bench alone, and insisted that all of their fellow general officers be admitted when their reports were read. The sagacious bishops granted this request, but reserved discussion of each report for secret session. It will not be until about time the clans gather at Chicago in 1904 that the outcome will appear.

This move on the part of the general officers seems to have opened the eyes of the bishops to many things, and it is safe to say that the plan to make all of the bishops subordinate to the one, who is said to have lent himself to the organized movement, will fail. At the beginning of the quadrennium it was boasted that all of the bishops would have to bow at the feet of a certain one of their number, but it does not look like the boast will carry. That is all I want to say now, but to those who know the rest the words above are almost like a book of large dimensions. DR J. M. HENDERSON.

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Notable, Newsy Nuggets.

Dallas, Tex., Special.—Miss Helen McGee has returned to Dumas, after an extended visit here and southern Texas. Mrs. J. S. Smith has accepted a position as pianist and vocalist in Hot Springs. Presiding Elder Payne, of the C. M. E. church; J. E. Helmes, of St. James A. M. E. church; A. J. Scott, of Bethel A. M. E. church; and Elder Richardson, of St. Paul M. E. church, were all here recently and report marked improvement in their work. Mrs. Charles Edwards is home after an extended trip through Oklahoma. Mrs. Dr. Hannah Waters is in Ferris on business. Mrs. Susan Balden tendered a number of friends a box party in honor of her son, George Bradshaw, of Atlanta, who was in the city on the 26th ult. Dainties and refreshments were served during the evening. Mrs. Virginia Lewis and daughter, of Wolf City, have returned home after a month's visit in the city, guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hightower. The Freeman is on sale at the Oriental and St. George hotels every Saturday. Mesdames Edward Edmondson, H. H. Robinson, Anna Robinson, Bettie Roberts, Robert Johnson, Amey Blankenship and A. P. Britton are on the sick list. It is strange that so many of our people when in need of ready cash will overlook the colored firms who are doing a money loaning business. Help those who help the race. Sam Moody's remains were buried at the North Dallas cemetery Tuesday afternoon. Dr. W. B West, of the C. M. E. church officiated. Col. Jake Ward has organized a gun corps for the 17th inst. Mrs. Assia Burleson has resumed her position as head waitress at the Bagsby cafe. Frank Holcomb is slowly recovering. We note that a great many of our people do read any kind of literature and especially race papers. This class of people are not interested in the progress of the race, but are willing to take the white man's word for everything, right or wrong. They stand in the path of ignorance and cannot see the doings of their fellow man. The trustee boards of the various K. of P. lodges have agreed to do honor to the rising generation of Sir Knights by closing a deal for a $6,000 site on Main street. Let every Knight come to the rescue of the trustees.

News Personal and General.

Mound City, Ill., Special.—Marie Bennett has been quite ill. Andrew Smith, of Reeves, Tenn., was a guest of Mrs. William Hubbard last week. The revival at the Second Baptist church is still in progress with more than thirty conversions. Rev. A. J. Daniels preached his farewell sermon Sunday night at the Missionary Baptist church, thereby bringing to a close a successful revival. Rev. H. C. Burton administered sacrament at Beechwood Sunday in the absence of the prsiding elder Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crice are at home in this city, after a successful school term in Kentucky. John Davis, of Cairo, was in the city Sunday. Sam. Howard and family, of Charleston, Mo., have moved to the city. C. S. Rice and Nathan Kay, employes of the State Capitol, visited their families last week. Messrs. F. B. Allen and M. M. Avant are to discuss important topics before the Tri-county Teachers' Institute Feb. 13th. The schools will be closed on this date to permit the teachers to attend. Rev. I. Crumpton, of Cairo, assisted in the revival here. Mrs. Rachel Chambers was called to Memphis, Tenn., on account of the illness of her sister. Mesdames William Johnson and Margaret Brown were delegates to the Cairo Baptist convention last week. Two couple were married the past week: Wm. Bly and Mrs. Lou Gunn; William Gunn and Mrs. Mary Purdy. Joseph Drasdell wishes to know the whereabouts of his father and mother, Andrew and Nellie Patterson, from whom he was separated at the age of 3 years in Hickman county, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hughes were called to Cairo last Saturday to attend the funeral of his sister.

Nuggets New and Novel.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—Rev. P. W. Walls spent a few days in Little Rock last week on business. James Harris is here for the season. Mrs. Anna Robinson, formerly a resident of this city, arrived here last week for the season. The late arrivals at the Sylvester cottage are: Misses Mary Smith and Mary Covington, Little Rock. Mr. Arthur, of Chicago, is here for the season, working at the New Waverly hotel. Prof. Perry, of Pine Bluff, is here on a visit. Read The Freeman and keep posted with the current happenings.

Cupid's Busy Season.

Brownsville, Tenn., Special.—Cupid has been very busy tying the nuptial knot. Harold Sloan and Miss Julia Jones joined hearts and hands Dec 25th, at the First Baptist church, Rev. Rev. Fulton, officiating. Col. Bachelor and Miss Etta Bond united themselves for their mutual happiness the 8th ult., at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. M. Currie, officiating. Wm. Chandler, our general shoemaker, and Miss Florence McLemare, of Bells, were happily married on the 28th ult, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Horton, Rev. Green, officiating. Rev. Warren Dupree, formerly of this city, died in St. Louis Jan. 6th in the full assurance of faith. Rev. Fulton was called to Huntington on the 25th ult., where he filled the pulpit morning and evening, the church being without a pastor. Prof. Gloster acted as his substitute, preaching two powerful sermons.

Terse, Timely Topics.

Palo Alto, Cal., Special.—A. Harris, one of our young business men, is soon to erect a residence. George Mathews was a recent visitor to the city. Mrs. Pinkston, of San Jose, will soon visit friends in the city. Mrs. R. English, who has been ill for the past week, is much improved. Miss Ollie Jackson has recovered from her recent illness. Lewis Terrell is convalescent.

Society and Personal Notes.

Jackson, Mich., Special —The Ladies' Home circle met last week at the home of Mrs. Collins Refreshments were served and a good time was had. The Second Baptist church would like to learn the whereabouts of Mrs. Fannie Cranshaw Mrs Collins left last week for Battle Creek, Mich George Gullem won second prize at the Myrkle & Harder Stock company last Friday night as a buck dancer. Mrs. Garret is attending the bedside of her daughter-in-law, Mrs Bert Goodall. Andrew Williams, of Parma, was in the city this week Irvin Brazelton, of Parma, visited relatives last week. Anyone desiring The Freeman will please call on Miss Flossie M. Johnson, 216 E. Franklin street.

"ASLEEP IN JESUS!"

A FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN CALLED TO THE LAND ABOVE.

FIRE DESTROYS MANY BUILDINGS.

A Quiet Home Wedding Which only Intimate Friends Witness—Church Entertainment to be Given Next Saturday Night—Social Notes.

Cairo, Ill., Special.—Mrs. Ida Walker, of St. Joseph, Mo., was called to the city by the death of her mother, Mrs. Littie Coleman, who died on the 29th ult. She was a member of the A. M. E. church and was an earnest worker. Her remains were laid to rest in the Cairo cemetery. She leaves two daughters to mourn her departure. Charles Hamilton has recovered from his recent illness. William Johnson, of Mound City, was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Arnold, in Ninth street, last week. Dock Arnold, of Tennessee, was also her guest. The marriage of Tommie Crown to Miss Emma Collins was a quiet home affair, only a few friends were present to witness the ceremony. Miss Hattie Thacker is on the sick list. Mrs. Frances Taylor, 1704 Cedar street, would like to learn the whereabouts of her son, James Taylor. When last heard from he was in Murphysboro, Ill. The shop of Holiday Cooper, the buggy factory, three cottages and six I. C. box cars were destroyed by fire last week. Mrs. Anna Bell was in Mound City last week, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Cochran. Mrs. Lucy White, of Paducah, is visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. Edward Evans, in Nineteenth street. Little Violie Dye, of Twelfth street, is much improved. Miss Cora Darner is visiting friends in Idaho. Miss Lillian Parts, of Makara, Ill., is a great admirer of The Freeman. The marriage of Joseph Taylor to Miss Zolo Kats, was quite a surprise to their many friends. There will be an entertainment given at Clancey's hall on the 14th, by the members of Rev. Knowles' church. Music will be furnished by Overby's orchestra. Frank Dorch is ill at his home in Locust street. Mr. Byrd, of Poplar street, is seriously ill. Quarterly meeting was held at the A. M. E. church last Sunday, and a glorious time was had. Presiding Elder Cooper was present and assisted in the meeting. The church will begin revival meetings in the near future. Miss Fannie Mathews, of Bairfield, Ark., is on the sick list. Joseph Morton, who has been ill at his home in Eighteenth street, has been moved to St. Mary hospital, and is much improved. Mrs. Josie Jones, of Nineteenth street, who has been visiting in Jackson, Tenn., has returned home. Miss Della Brooks has recovered from her recent illness. Mrs. Ben Winchester, who has been sick for quite a while, is out again. Mrs. Henrietta Reeves is ill at her home. Miss Fannie Jones has returned from a visit to Pine Bluff, Ark. James Hunter, of St. Louis, is in the city again at the Holliday House. Mrs. Lena Scott, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Evert Gilbert, in Twenty fifth street, returned to her home in New Madrid, Mo., last Sunday. Will Harris, of Paducah, Ky., visited in the city last week. Pay the agent pramptly.

Church and Social News.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—The revival services are still in progress at the Methodist and Baptist churches. The evangelist who was to have assisted in the services at the A. M. E. church last week was delayed, and is assisting this week. Mrs. Will Rider, who has been quite ill, is reported much better. R. Riff was called to Indianapolis on account of the serious illness of his sister, on the 29th ult. Nearly fifty names have been enrolled for memership in the K. of P. lodge, which will be organized in this city about the 15th Anyone wishing The Freeman will please leave orders at the barber shop of W. E. Robbins.

Gone to Her Reward.

San Diego, Cal., Special.—Mrs. Laura Shelton died at her home in this city on Dec. 31st, after an illness of several weeks. Deceased was converted in 1882, and joined the A. M. E. church, and had been an energetic worker in the cause of Her Maker. She was married to A. J. Shelton in 1877, in Chicago, who survives her. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. W. Woodby, and was largely attended. There were a great number of floral offerings.

BISHOPS' COUNCIL!

HOLDS AN IMPORTANT MEETING IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

MANY MAGNATES IN EVIDENCE!

A Gigantic Welcome Reception Tendered the Bishops and Visitors, at Which Many Toasts were Heard—Booms that Failed to Explode.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—The Bishops of the A. M. E church held their midwinter council in the city of Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 15-17. All the bishops were present except Bishop Coppin, who is in South Africa, and Bishop J. A. Handy, who is ill. As the session was held within the bounds of the Ninth Episcopal district, Bishop Tanner, the presiding bishop, had taken extra pains to make the occasion a red letter affair. Representatives from each conference in the district had been appointed to assist the local committee.

The forenoon of the first day was taken up in exchanging greetings and some informal speech making. Bishop Arnett, the secretary of the council, presided, both senior and vice-senior being absent on account of a delay in trains. In the afternoon (delegates and visitors) were granted the privilege of remaining on the outside while the bishops went into executive session. What Methodist bishops do and say during a secret council meeting, it takes the angels to tell. At any rate, the curtains dropped on the men. But it was soon discovered that that big delegation of magnates were not there on a pleasure trip, or not as health seekers. Something in their grips, and others had something up their sleeves. Most of them were there on business. The influence of the bishops for or against a man or measure counts for a great deal. The bishops' council always presents a most favorable opportunity for diagnosing cases.

Many candidates for honors were there, either in person or by proxy. It appears that Dr. J. M. Conner, of Arkansas, is the foremost candidate for episcopal honors. Of course it depends in a large measure whether the bishops will recommend the election of another, as to what the committee will do. Dr. G. E. Taylor, of the Southern Christian Recorder, is throwing the influence of that organ against the "more bishops" sentiment.

Dr. H. T. Johnson, of the Christian Recorder, is silent in a way and gives notice that no campaign matter will be permitted in the columns of his paper. He is, however, a swift candidate for the bishopric. To open the columns of the Christian Recorder to the advocacy of the cause of certain men, would serve to place him in an embarrassing position. After all Dr. Johnson is probably right, if he will only deal as fairly in reproducing "clippings" concerning other men as he does of himself. Dr. Conner and Dr. Johnson hails from the same state, and no doubt there will be "music in the air" when the clans clash

Several "side show" meetings were held in the sister churches during the sitting of the council. Some were successful and some were abortive. Some booms failed to get off because the fuse would not work.

A gigantic welcome reception was tendered the bishops and visitors on Friday night, the 16th ult. Led on by the popular pastor of Avery Chapel, Rev. J. H. Grant, ably assisted by the other Memphis pastors, Memphians did themselves grand. Oratory and elocution, wit and humor, music and song, flashed, bristled and sparkled. White and colored, male and female mingled their cheerful voices in words of hearty welcome. The choirs of the three leading churches of the city, Avery, St. Andrew and Provident, alternated in rendering classical music that would do credit to a queens' coronation.

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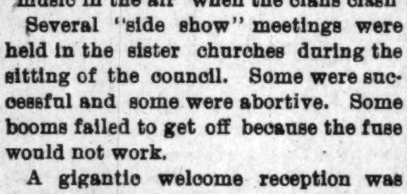

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We cannot say what took place next day by the bishops, as they remained behind closed doors, with the trusty and vigilant Dr. M. W. W. Manaway acting as sentinel. But the side meetings were kept up. It is in the air that there is to be a shaking of dry bones around about the Philadelphia publishing house in May, 1904 In fact, the first part of the program is already begun—the prophesying. The Dr. Leak episode may be a dead issue at that time, but there is likely to be a pretty live Collett-Johnson issue. It will be up to the general conference of 1904 to more clearly define the duties of the two-headed Book Concern, or abolish one of the heads and create the office of managing editor.

"Dickey Bird" said that one of the bishops struck a blow at the publication of the "Sunday School Monitor," the paper published by Dr. W. D. Chappelle. It was urged that the Monitor's policy bore too closely a resemblance to its name sake of the 60's. It is somewhat of a battering ram. But it will be remembered that the editor of the Monitor is himself akin to the hard-headed species. He will not down until he is knocked down, and that is not done every time a fellow hits him.

THE SOCIAL FEATURE.

If the bishops were ever treated to a "sweller" banquet than the one in Memphis, the reading public has seen no account of it. It was superb. It was grand. It was magnificent. Well, it was a "big thing." The upper crust of the city were out in their gala day behavior, with all their other clothes on. But there were too many. That, however, could not be avoided. With all those big bishops and the host of ' we other big men," how could the people stay at home?

The toasts were all fine, but they were not all got off, because there were too many people and too many toasters. I, being first on the program, had the privilege, and I suppose, the pleasure, of inflicting my toast upon the banqueters. They endured it patiently. I endeavored to give them a little word-painting of our bishops from the toast: "Our Bishops." Fortunately, it was a catchy subject. I know the picture on the whole was imperfectly drawn, but I did my best, and the people sealed their approval of my feeble effort by a hearty hand-clapping. I said that the toasts were all fine, not because they were responded to, but because some of the best literary men and finest talkers had the goods ready to be delivered.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Magnates were there from six different states, among whom were: Drs. J. W, Rankins, of Texas; T. A. Thompson, of Kentucky; J. M. Conner and P. W. Wells, of Arkansas; J. F. McDonald, of Missouri; S. R. Read, of Kentucky; J. A. Davis, of Tennessee, and a host of others.

Dr. T. H. Jackson, the scholar and diplomat, was there in the interest of Shorter college. Dr. W. A J. Phillips, the old war horse of Arkansas, was there pressing the claims of Dr. Conner. Dr. Phillips is a power in Arkansas. Drs. Rankins and H. B. Parks "trotted in double harness." If Parks goes up in 1904, Rankins is hoping to fill the office at 61 Bible House, New York. Dr. Collett, manager of the Book Concern, favorably impressed all whom he met. But he came with the same old story—irregularities at that institution. "The History of the Episcopacy," a book by Dr. J. A. Davis, the brainy young Tennesseean, received the endersement of the bishops. Rev. J. H. Grant, the pastor of Avery Chapel, proved equal to the task of entertaining the council. He scored a great victory by so doing. Dr. G. E. Taylor, editor of the Southern Recorder, and I were room mates. Although it had been given out that his room mate was aspiring to wear his (Taylor's) shoes after the general conference, Dr. Taylor proved quite a congenial companion.

The writer spent Sabbath in Little Rock, Ark., the guest of Dr. J. M. Conner. Dr. Conner is one of the model pastors of the connection. It is wonderful to note the skill with which he handles one of the heaviest congregations and largest memberships in the connection. Dr. P. W. Walls has an eye to handling the Allen C. E. Societies after the next general conference. It is said that he is in every sense capable.

Bishop A. Grant, the evangelical bishop of the connection, preached twice at Avery Chapel on Sunday. There is no more popular preacher in the church than Bishop Grant. The mere mention of the name of Bishop Tyree was always a signal for applause. He is regarded as the most gifted pulpit orator on the bench. It was a meeting long to be remembered by Memphis citizens.

J. A. JONES.

Pulaski, Tenn.

Cosmopolitan Club Ball.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—The Cosmopolitan club gave the most auspicious opening ball at Odd Fellows' hall, Thirteenth and Walnut streets, ever given in the city, on Monday night, the 26th. The club members were kept ever on the alert looking after its guests, which numbered three hundred, half of whom were handsomely gowned ladies. There were guests present from New Albany, Jeffersonville, Ind.; Danville, Harrodsburg, Lexington and Winchester, Ky The ball room was beautifully decorated with ferns, smilax and palms, over which were draped streamers of blue and white ribbon. The chandeliers were festooned with evergreen, over which was draped streamers of white and blue, which set off the different electric lights. The ball was a success, which was due to the untiring energy of its fifty members. Prof. Abe Adams' orchestra furnished music for the occasion. The officers of the club are: G. T. Young, president; S. B. Bowman, vice-president; Leslie H. Fields, secretary; G. M. Compton, asst. secretary; Chas. H. Pittman, treasurer; B. J. Mosbey, chairman board of directors.

Tuskegee Institute.

Tuskegee, Ala., Special.—Some time ago Miss Tella Usher, a New York sculptress, spent six weeks at Tuskegee making a clay bust of Principal Washington. It has since been cast into plaster and also into bronze, and has been greatly admired by all who have seen it. The plaster cast has been placed in Carnegie library as a gift from teachers of the institution. It is Miss Usher's intention, at a later date, to present the school with a bronze cast The Tuskegee Negro Conference will be held Wednesday, Feb. 18th. The school is anxious that a particularly splendid representation of our former friends be present. The purpose of these conference sessions is now well understood. That they have been of incalculable service to those whom they are designed to help is conceded on all sides. The crusade against the one room log cabin, the short term school session, the crop lien system, profligate expenditures for non-essentials has not been crowned with entire success, and the fight continues with undiminished earnestness and determination. Principal Booker T. Washington has returned to Tuskegee after a three weeks visit to California. H was gone thirteen days and delivered thirty-two address. The colored people of California contributed $523 to the school through him and in every way showed their interest by lively enthusiasm.

Eufaula News Items.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.—W. H. Gary of Bainbridge, Ga., spent several days in Eufaula last week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gary. Don't forget to call at J. E. Nelm's and buy a copy of The Freeman. A. P. Parmer, M. G. Crews and Calvin Parmer of Clayton, Ala., were in Eufaula on Thursday, the 22d. A. P. Parmer left his subscription for The Freeman. The A. M. E choir rendered excellent music last Sunday. J. M. Chisolm is the organist. Mr. Calvin Parmer and Miss Estella Essurd were married Thursday evening, the 22d, eight miles east of Clayton. Subscriptions for The Freeman can be left at J. E. Nelm's, Hart's block. Mr. Alf Miles of Conner's Station is a reader of The Freeman. He is a successful farmer. He made twelve bales of cotton last year. He has plenty of corn and meat, and is able to run himself another year. He owns three farms south of Springhill, Ala.

Windy City Notes.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—Rev. L. B. Butts has just closed her three weeks' revival for Rev. J. F. Moreland, the pastor of the new Zion Methodist church. She had great success, making even fifty converts and taking in sixty additions to the church She will commence her meetings for Dr. Smith on Sunday night, Feb. 1st, in Anglewood, Chicago, Ill., and will be with him three weeks She has lett everybody thinking she is a daughter of lightning and a power from God. Mr. Asle Johnson, better known as "Sporting Ward McAlister," is yet on the sick list, but is now being taken care of by one of the best doctors and nurses in the city at the Baptist hospital, occupying a first class private room. His treatment will estimate to about two hundred dollars. Mr. Johnson is a favorite of Mr. Moore, manager of the Windermere hotel.

AN OPEN LETTER

To the President by Prof. W. S. Scarborough, President of Wilberforce University, Ohio.

Wilberforce, O, Dec. 4, 1902.

To His Excellency, President Theodore Roosevelt, Washington, D. C.:

MY DEAR SIR.—I have read with great gratification your letter stating your position relative to the recognition of the meritorious colored men for places of trust and honor. Allow me to congratulate you on the stand you take and to thank you for the expression which evidences your determination to give the race a fair chance in its struggles upward. To refuse to countenance the consideration of color as a reason for excluding it from participation in public affairs is to help break down barriers that are constantly degrading its manhood.

The prejudice that exists in both the North and South, precluding recognition of merit because of color is discouraging to all race advancement. The situation is most disheartening when we view the tremendous odds against which we continually fight. But with a President at the helm of State, courageous, God-fearing, justice loving and ful of human sympathy withal, we are hopeful that the darkest days are behind us.

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If there is to be no recognition of merit and and worth among us, there is no incentive to become worthy and meritorious; without incentitives to this course there must be retrogression and retrogression of the Negro holds for the nation at large a far greater menace than does elevation of the worthy to office.

All Negroes are not bad. There are very many worthy ones in the race. for them I voice the appreciation of your resolution to respect their rights and their citizenship. If our difficulties are ever to be solved it must be done on the high plane of justice upon which you have taken your stand. No other position is possible.

Your words are golden and timely—having the ring of sincerety and fairness, and coming at the opportune moment when might would crush the man of color and when the entire race feels itself being drawn into a net—words misunderstood, acts misinterpreted and motives misconstrued—all doomed to suffer for the sins of the few. For the good of the country it is wisdom for both races to take intelligent note of the far-reaching meaning of your attitude and bide quietly by the acts that are the fruit of the spirit that prompts you to this stand for right and justice. Believe me, sir, the race cannot fail to appreciate such a position. I am,

Your obedient servant,
W. S. SCARBOROUGH.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Dr. Walker who is at the head of Payne Colleg, is pushing the work. A medical department is talked of it will be the first medical school in Georgia forcolored people.

Dr. Stinson is the right hand bower of the Morris Brown College. He is making his financial management a success.

Atlanta University is crowded this year to its fullest capacity, and this proud old institution is still doing a noble work for the people of the country.

The colored people of Texas, are asking for a University. It is said that that state sends out 500 pupils to other States yearly to be educated,

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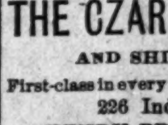

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No. 12374
Complaint Divorce,

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 20th day of Jan 1903, the above named plaintiff, by her attorney, filed in the office of the Clerk of the circuit court of Marion county, in the state Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant William Griffin and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, William Griffin is not a resident of the state of Indiana; that cause if for a divorce and that last above named defendant is a necessary party thereto; and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 21st day of March 1903.

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said Court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appears and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 21st day of March 1903 the same being the 18th judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in March 1903, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence.

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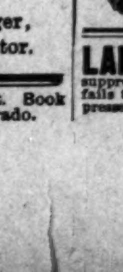

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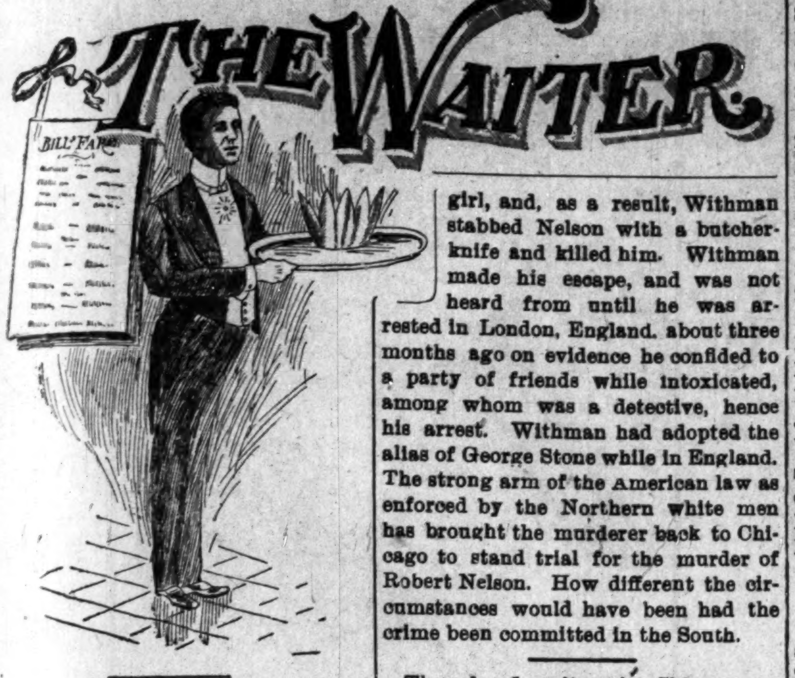

The traveling waiter—that hotel pest—who tries to either rule or ruin is ever with you, and, like Banquo's ghost, will not down.

George Moore, who succeeded Mr. W. Forrest Cozart at the Hot Wells hotel, San Antonio, Texas, is no longer at the Hot Wells hotel, but has taken his departure presumely for Hot Springs, Ark., but it is rumored that Mr. Moore has been making "goo-goo eyes" at a certain Chicago hotel.

James Tinsley, a waiter, residing at 213 S. Sixth street, St. Louis, Mo., was shot and killed by "Bud" Lofton in that city in a saloon at 1911 Market street, last week. After the shooting Lofton made good his escape while Tinsley was being carried to a hospital in a dying condition. Any one knowing or hearing of "Bud" Lofton's whereabouts will please notify the chief of police at St. Louis.

During the World's Fair Geo. Withman, a white cook employed at the Hotel Turner, 33d and Wabash avenue, Chicago, Ill., became involved in an altercation with Robert Nelson, a colored waiter, over the affection of a white girl, and, as a result, Withman stabbed Nelson with a butcher-knife and killed him. Withman made his escape, and was not heard from until he was arrested in London, England. about three months ago on evidence he confided to a party of friends while intoxicated, among whom was a detective, hence his arrest. Withman had adopted the alias of George Stone while in England. The strong arm of the American law as enforced by the Northern white men has brought the murderer back to Chicago to stand trial for the murder of Robert Nelson. How different the circumstances would have been had the crime been committed in the South.

The colored waiters in Chicago are losing their prestige as well as hotels. We have long observed that wherever colored waiters work under white headwaiters that it is not long before a white crew of waiters are installed, as the white headwaiter usually works with that object in view.

It is now reported that the colored waiters of Chicago are about to join the white waiters in a movement to go on a general strike about the first of May. We have stated in these columns many times that the colored waiters had everything to lose and nothing to gain in such a movement. We serve notice on the Chicago waiters now that if they don't care to work there are others that do want to work, and if there is a strike in sympathy with the white waiters colored waiters from outside of Chicago will fill their places.

E. T. Montgomery, headwaiter for the Bailey Catering Co. at the Pan-American Exposition, writes: "The series of articles now running in the Monthly, 'The American Colored Waiter,' is a very concise and well treated subject upon the art of serving. The illustrations convey the idea intelligently to the waiter's mind. I can see no reason why the author should not have great success in the sale of his book."

The colored waiters of Chicago are joining the white waiters' union under the leadership of one L. W. Washington. They have been given a charter, seal and ritual of the International Waiters', Bartenders, Cooks and Hotel Employes Alliance. Their local number is 509, and is holding regular meetings at Hulet's Hall, 2712 State street.

I have read your articles in the Hotel Monthly with much pleasure and approve of all your ideas as you express them. If you execute in the same manner in which you talk you should be a success. I think them applicable to good service.—Will V. Zimmer, Steward Russell House, Detroit, Mich.

I will take pleasure in recommending your new book, the American Colored Waiter, for I think it will prove of great value to waiters in general, for American plan especially.—John Tellman, Steward of the Arlington, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

I take great pleasure in saying I endorse your articles on "Hotel Dining Room Service," and think you will improve the colored waiter and make a name for yourself.—George Fulwell, Vice-president The Denison, Indianapolis, Ind.

T. C. Smith, the steward and headwaiter of the Danville Country Club, Danville, Ill., is now at the Plaza hotel.

From Bloomington, Ill.

I wish to say in regard to hotel life: I think it is just like everything else, it is just what you make out of it. I have been a waiter for eighteen years, and have worked in some of the best houses in the country, and I find if a man wants to be respected he must first respect himself and keep sober while on duty, respect the headwaiter, who stands all responsibility; wo should pay less attention to the white help, such as the chambermaids. You can flirt with them as long as some of the other help does not see you, but as soon as some of the white help happens to see you they make a great cry about that nigger insulting her, and that falls on the whole crew. What one worthless fellow does we all have to suffer for his bad behavior, and it is always done by some one that don't care a snap for himself or any one else. It has been said by some hotel managers who don't want Negro waiters in their dining room is because some of them try to force the guests to give them tips; if they don't give them tips, as the waiter thinks, they begin to insult the guests at the table. That brings trouble on the headwaiter, and as soon as the headwaiter can get rid of such men he will be ten times better off, because that one man will spoil things for the whole crew.

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Tidings from Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—Mr. E. W. Saddler, old agent of The Freeman, lost his little daughter last week. Mrs. Georgia Jackob died Jan. 12, leaving five daughters to mourn their loss. Miss Carrie Floyd of Frias Point, Miss., is the charming guest of Mrs. T. H. Allen, 434 Beale street. Charles S. Berry of Youngstown, Ohio, is here attending the B. M. I. W. George O. Price of Savannah, Ga., is in the city for a few days. Rev. Walker of Washington preached at the Metropolitan Baptist church on Sunday, the 18th. Miss Queen C. Bolten of Coldwater, Miss., is the guest of Mrs. Blackwell, 134 Carina street. J. W. Ermie of Joultown, Miss., is in the city. Lewis Wims is up again after a long spell of sickness. George Blackwell, formerly of this city, has moved to East St. Louis, Mo. You can always find The Freeman at E. Beall's, 298 South street.

Grand Ball to be Given.

Jacksonville, Ill., Special.—The Black and Tan orchestra gave a grand ball on Thursday evening, the 5th inst. The A. M. E. church began their revival services on Sunday, the 25th ult. Mrs Wright died very suddenly at her home in Washington street recently. The funeral was held at the A. M. E church. Her son Frank is seriously ill with rheumatism. Don't forget to attend the Dorcus club's bazaar and supper as a grand program is booked. The Busy Bee met in regular session on the 26th.

News from Louisiana.

Columbia, La., Special.—I would feel so lonesome without The Freeman. It is a wide-awake Negro newspaper. All intelligent Negroes should read it. Mr. Fred Wiley, a prominent young man of this place, got injured by the wrecking of a hand-car Sunday, the 18th. Rev. Epps preached at St. Paul Baptist church Sunday night, the 18th. Rev. T. J. Brown's cottage is nearing completion, It will be a snug little cottage. W. W. Brown's school will close Feb. 3 at Locust Grove. Mr. G. W. Jenkins of Columbia, La., will wed Mrs. Ellen Davis of Natchez, Miss, Jan. 27th. We hope them a long and happy life.

Currant News.

Muscatine, Ia, Special.—Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Carr celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on Thursday evening the 15th inst. The ceremony was performed by Dr. F. J. Peterson, after congratulation an elegant lunchon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Carr were the recipients of a large number of presents. The guests departed at a late hour wishing them many more years of happy wedded life. Mr. Moppin has left for parts unknown.

Entertained at Dinner.

Windsor, Canada, Special.—Mrs. C. M. Jackson, formerly of Indianapolis, Ind., entertained a few friends at dinner on Sunday, the 18th, at her beautiful home in Mercer street, in honor of Mrs. Myrtle Wallace-Brown, who at one time lived in Indianapolis, Ind, but who will reside in Charleston, W. Va. Among the guests were Rev. and Mrs. Wilson of Tampa, Fla., pastor of the A. M. E. church, Windsor, and Mrs. Erma Cooper-Albuy of Zanesville, O. A delightful time was spent. Six courses were served. Miss Mamie Jackson presided at the piano.

Wheeling Notes.

Wheeling, W. Va., Special.—given by Wheeling City Band at Bellaire, O., at Second M. C. church, was quite a success. The main features were Miss Etta Marshall, a young elocutionist who more than pleased the audience. Wallace and Jones guitars and flagolet specialties took the house by storm. The Toledo Club had quite a success at their ball. I guest it was up-to-date because everything went. The orchestra is progressing finely. Mr. Bert Hossis has been chosen leader. Wonder if Mr. Charles Daigh knows the difference between roses and ice-cream. On Friday, Jan. 16th at the residence of Mrs. William Jones of Twelfth street, an agreeable and surprising party was tended to Mrs. Mary Owens, formerly of Wheeling, now of Chicago. Cards and tripping the light fantastic were indulged in to a late hour when a tempting lunch was served. Mr. Charles Hunter has gone back to work after a weeks idleness He is employed at the Elig Carriage Company.

From South Bend.

South Bend, Ind., Special.—The 38th annual communication of Harrison Lodge No. 9, F. and A. M., was held at Niles, Mich., Tuesday evening, January 27, 28 and 29. I am glad to say that the order is doing great work in this part of the country. Mr. and Mrs. Nowlin celebrated their fifth anniversary Monday evening, Jan. 26th, 316 N. Laporte avenue. William Manning and J. W. Blake have opened a first class dancing school at Harrison club rooms. The St. P. Ruffin club was very pleasantly entertained Wednesday afternoon, the 21st, by Mrs. Minnie Vaughn. The Household of Ruth and the Odd Fellows held joint installation at Harrison club rooms, Wednesday evening, Feb. 4th. The ladies of the Eastern Star will give an entertainment on or near Feb. 11th.

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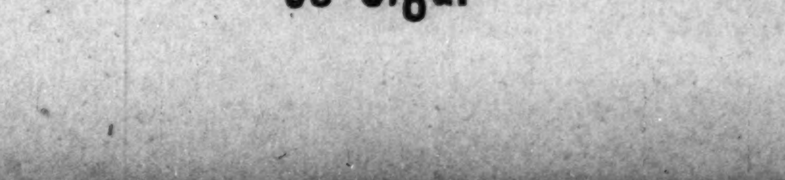

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A convention such as The Guardian suggests is a necessity, an imperative necessity. Some of our great men should take immediate action for its consummation.—The Ohio Enterprise

The Guardian is manifesting a little more interest of the right kind than ha heretofore been noted of that well edited journal.

Conventions by and for colored people have not been eminently successful in the past. It does not mean that they have failed, for the mere protesting against wrongs, is indicative of virility, racial manhood that calls for corresponding respect from those who inflict them.

Indianapolis was the scene of the greatest convention ever held by colored men, as is granted by all; it was almost an ideal assemblage of the Negro brain and influence of the country, when considered from a political standpoint. Its importance and its success by way of attendance was somewhat heightened owing to the political situation which, of course, cannot be set down to its credit. Yet it may be presumed that a convention could not be called in the interest of the whole race that was not in a sense political.

A convention where the interests of the Negroes are discussed minus the intense political phase as it regards party affiliation will gain the respect of the well thinking people regardless of party and its efforts along the line of such a call will redound to the good of the race. At no time in the history of the Negroes as freedmen has the need of such a convention been so imperative as at this time.

Indianapolis has gained enviable fame as a convention city. The Afro-American Council was at its best here. We stand ready to encourage further honest attempt by doing what we can to give the effort the necessary support if Indianapolis is chosen. Our city is perhaps the best located for such a convention. Its geographical situation, as related to the race, everything considered, is better than any city. It is out of the "Jim Crow" sphere, yet it is not too far from the South, and thus insuring a large representation from those States, and its centrality is in favor of representation from States that is most desired. The Freeman will gladly push the work if it is the sense of the leading men of the country; men on whom the responsibility for success or failure must rest. On with the convention.

WILL OBSERVE LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

The preparation under way to celebrate Lincoln's birthday at Allen Chapel next week is commendable and in the right spirit. It will be taken, we dare say, as an indication of that proper appreciation of the great Emancipator which appreciation has not always been sufficiently manifest, when viewed in relation to his valuable services to the Negro race.

The white people, North and South, have learned out of his great lessons, his multitudinous trials, to renounce party and sectional strife in honoring the name of Lincoln.

The colored people, the greater and more immediate beneficiaries of his endeavors, can do no nobler thing than to keep green his memory. To do otherwise would warrant the charge of base, ignoble, ingrates, the covetless qualities of stupidity.

No new songs we may sing, it may be said, of him as is said of that Greater Emancipator, nor do we need them. His life was crowded full with the greatest events known to the passing panorama of man; a theme, like the vintage growth, improving with age. Whatever progress, whether in great or lesser degree, in wealth, intelligence, refinement and all of the human excellencies, attained by the Negroes in America, if traced back to the fountain head, there stands Abraham Lincoln. Nor was his uplifting genius to one race confined; he rarified the dense and murky air of this great commonwealth of States, lifting up the white slave—slave to perverted conscience and passive physical natures carrying out its frightful behests—as well as the black slave. Humanity itself received an uplift where'er sings the human tongue, and the concourse of nations drew nearer unto God.

We are thankful that we live in an Abraham Lincoln age. Two hundred years of Negro humanity lived and died without seeing the light. 'Twas God who reserved this age to us who now walk with faces erect owning no man as master. Do we fully comprehend the situation?—living in this glory time amid just enough trials to create heroes and gods. It is a privilege to be a Negro under the circumstances; the route to fame is shorter, the work easier than that for the whites, who amid their stressful competition the millions go down with full knowledge of their power and ability to know and do, and yet be denied. With us the worthy all succeed if they will. Pierpont Morgans may be denied us, but we also escape the charnel houses of poverty and charity—the happy means. It is the Negroes' golden age to do, the outcome of the death and suffering of Abraham Lincoln. O, grave, where is thy victory? Death, thy sting?

The brush between Rev. C. C. Bates and Dr. J. H. Frank of Louisville as noted in the Moderator, is another indication of that situation pointed out by Dr. Frank sometime ago. He chooses to call it inter-church fellowship, but which we at that time took the liberty to construe as centralized authority. Those who read the controversy can draw their own conclusions. It strikes a distant observer that it would be safer to stand with such men as Frank, Parrish, Purce, Craighead, Gaddie, albeit, all are honorable gentlemen; but Bates stands for one idea and Frank for another as to church polity. Which shall prevail? Which ought to prevail?

The A. M. E. Church Review, the New Year's number, is a splendid edition. The mechanical make-up is somewhat changed, and, we think, for the better. The compositions are notably diversified, presenting matter of varied interests. The leading article, by C. J. Powell, "The Mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to the Darker Races of the World," is beautiful in composition, forceful in its logic and excellent in tone. All through to the editorials the publication is characterized by the same spirit noted in Mr. Powell's article—the best productions of their kind.

The office of Recorder of Deeds is sadly in need of an increase appropriation by Congress to meet its growing means. Among other things may be mentioned the creation of the office of private secretary to the Recorder, and Mr. R. W. Thompson, the well-known journalist and all-round newspaper man, is favorably spoken of for the position.—Shreveport Watchman.

Mr. Thompson is well known in Indianapolis, his former home. His friends will rejoice to know of his good fortune. He is one of the bright lights of his race and in every way fitted to fill the responsible position as private secretary to Mr. Dancy.

AN OIL COMPANY.

Papers have been filed in Charleston, W. Va., with the Secretary of State for the incorporation of the Wilgera Oil and Gas Company with a capital stock of $50,000. The incorporation, in itself, was nothing out of the ordinary; but it now develops that the incorporators are all colored men, and that they have 75 acres of land that is pronounced by oil operators and experts to be immensely rich in oil and gas.

This company enjoys the unique distinction of being the first and only oil company ever incorporated in this or any other State by colored men. The incorporators are George A. Myers of Cleveland, O., Prof. James McHenry Jones, President of the West Virginia State Colored University Institute W. Va., Wilbur F. Jones, Ralph W. Tyler, and George A. Weaver of Columbus, O. Already these men have been offered, it is said, a handsome price for their land and buildings by big white oil operators, but they refused to sell. believing that they had an immense money making enterprise, and this opinion is shared by all who have an intimate knowledge of their land in Morgan county.

President Castro of Venezuela is now yelling "Balance All," and they are doing it; some are doing stunts in the meanwhile, but it makes the dance merrier, that's all.

The barber's commission bill has passed the Senate.

PENCILINGS.

Something new under the sun; old Negro guest of Vanderbilt's on drive. A paper of last Sunday has the following article: "William Riley of Newport, over seventy years of age, taken in coach by Alfred, his wife, Reginald and Miss Neilson'.' The article goes on to say:

"The proudest Negro in Newport county is William Riley, an aged and decrepit man who has eked out a miserable living during his declining years by driving a yoke of oxen for a farmer. Riley lives in the city notwithstanding his more than three score years and is obliged to walk daily some miles to his occupation in the country.

A few days ago, tired and weary from his day's labor, Riley was trudging painfully along the muddy highway to his poor home in the city.

COACH STOPS FOR HIM.

Soon the toot of a horn behind him attracted his attention, and, turning, he saw approaching four dashing horses attached to a break containing a party of young people. As the break neared the old man he respectfully stepped to one side of the road to let the party pass, but to his astonishment the coach was drawn up suddenly beside him and he was invited to get aboard.

At a sign from the driver of the four-in-hand, the groom leaped nimbly to the ground and assisted the old man to a place in the break. When the break reached the outskirts of the city the old man requested that he be put down there, as he was thankful for the lift he had received and was contented to walk the balance of the way, but the driver would not listen to this, but wished to be directed to the place where the colored man resided."

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The article concludes by saying that the old Negro was so proud over the event that he scarcely deigned to speak to his neighbors Well, Mr. Riley has not the only head that would have increased over such an occasion. Just to think of the vast difference in the social scale between them; they representing the very antipodes; forces which count and those that fail to count in this world—the clashing of the extremes—the best examples of oppulence and poverty—beggar and prince on the king's highway. It is no wonder that he lifts his head a little higher. 'Tis but nature—the soul rebels against the warring, warning flesh that seeks to subdue the soul's ecstacy, and spirit once more triumphs over matter.

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Poor untutored black with misery crowned days, and age whose lingering, time defies—you saw a brief bit of heaven that day. Your common mould in its muteness but yields to a glorying soul, momentarily lightened of its weighty crux by the gods of this earth Let him alone to his revery; husbanding his glory that it may lengthen out, giving respite to the toil that awaits his weary hands and tottering feet. A benediction, true, to him, whose memory lives in the past, where old "massa and missus" to him, still lives, and he would not have it otherwise; for in the hurrah and stress of life he perforce of circumstances is but a laggard in the procession—he cuts but a sorry figure; this he knows and he oft reverts his eyes to his glory land—the South—where he slaved it; 'tis true, but where old age was ransomed from burdensome care and toil. Speak? May he never speak, if his burden is lighter.

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It may be too much to say that the Vanderbilts had any such motive as attributed by the foregoing, but their actions nevertheless serve to "point a moral and adorn a tale." They have preached consciously or unconsciously, it matters not which. Perhaps they too have been spectators to the Negroes' seeming increasing trials and tribulations and seek to alleviate or at least arrest the trend of untoward circumstances by throwing themselves in the path of its hurtful progress, insuring the Negroes that wealth and influence for which they stand are enlisted on their side.

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It was but a short time ago that Miss Lee, the daughter of General Lee, insisted on staying in a railroad coach set aside for colored people. In that event she struck at the inequality of the laws of the land that seek to segregate the people into factions which is totally foreign to the spirit of the general laws. Others of note are coming out one by one disclaiming the theory proscriptional that can result only in alienation as it did in other days. Society, private society alone, is the only where lines of exclusion will be admitted is right, if drawn. Anything else seeks to pervert the laws of the land in the interest of caste that higher form of classism so vigorously disavowed in the Declaration of Independence.

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Abraham Lincoln is yet right; a government, a nation cannot endure half slave and half free. Roosevelt is right in trying to preserve the Negro in his constitutional rights, and I should very much regret to think our President, the President in common, should become a peculiar one.

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I am satisfied that President Roosevelt, ex-President Cleveland, Judge Emory Speer, Miss Lee, Andrew Carnegie, the Vanderbilts and others who have in some way manifested some little concern for the Negroes will be held in no slight esteem by them.

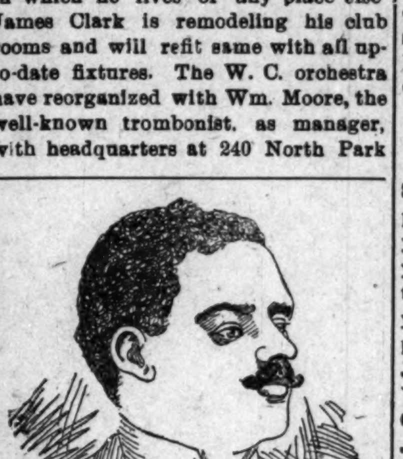
WM. M. LEWIS.

Indianapolis, Ind.

The special edition of the Seattle Republican is a superb sheet. It differs very much from the editions usually gotten out by colored publishers in that it has to do with the commercial interests of the city as a whole. It is profusely illustrated with the likenesses of prominent white business men and business houses. It is on the best book paper. Mechanically it is fine, and, to take it all in all, it is deserving of the highest praise.

News Items and Personal Notes.

Decatur, Ill., Special.—The members of the Second Baptist church are preparing to building a basement under their present place of worship. Rev. A. T. Jackson, pastor of St. Peters A. M. E church, delivered one of his master sermons on Sunday, Feb 1st. to a large and appreciative audience. Mr. John F. Moore, director of the A. M. E. church choir, has secured two more good lady soprano singers. Mr. Albert Clark is preparing a shoe which, he claims, will not mire very easy in the soft mud found in the part of the city in which he lives or any place else James Clark is remodeling his club rooms and will refit same with all up-to-date fixtures. The W. C. orchestra have reorganized with Wm. Moore, the well-known trombonist, as manager, with headquarters at 240 North Park street. The Decatur high school athletic team has honored Fred McGregory by accepting him as their best bicylist and foot racer. James Kinney left on Monday, Feb. 2, for his home in St. Louis after a three-weeks' visit with relatives. Miss Finnie of Springfield, a fine violinist, is visiting relatives here Mr. S S. Moore has returned to Kankakee, Ill., after a week's visit with his family. A party was given at the home of Mrs. Sinsteads. Delicious refreshments were served, and all enjoyed a pleasant evening. Those present outside of the family were Messrs. Harsel Hunter, Wm. Moore and Charles Hollis, Mrs. Allice White, Mrs. Hollis, Misses Ada Jones, Effie Parks and Mr. and Mrs. D. Stewart and Mr. Harry Stewart of Springfield. Misses Bertha Bradley, Rilla Kelly, Tina Winchester and Letha Field spent Sunday in St. Louis.



FRANK TURNER,
Entertainer, Rawlins, Wyo.

He is not Satisfied.

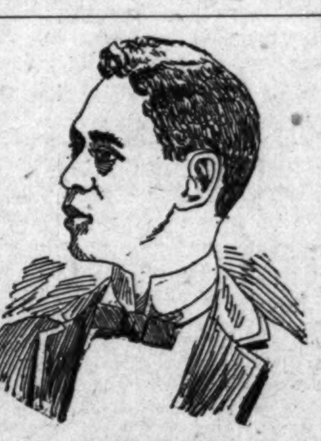
Muncie, Ind., Jan 27, 1903.

Hon. Geo. L Knox, Indianapolis, Ind.:

Dear Sir.—I see in the morning papers that the "barber license bill" has received a black eye, which is to the interest the colored barber. Until a few years ago there were a very few white barbers, but now many have sprang up into the business. It seem that the colored man is to be deprived of the chance of following the barber trade as he is in many other trades deprived. The union is one of the means strongly against him, and now a bill is introduced for the sole purpose of legislating directly against him. We as colored barbers of Muncie ardently opposed the bill and we feel highly gratified with the action the colored barbers of Indianapolis have taken in using their influence in opposing it. It is said that the barber's trade is the colored man's trade, but white man, be he competent or not, is fast putting the colored man out of the business We are pleased to know that the hall was graced by your presence, and truly hope that you may wield your noble influence for the good of the colored barber in the defeat of the bill. Yours most truly,

THE COLORED BARBERS

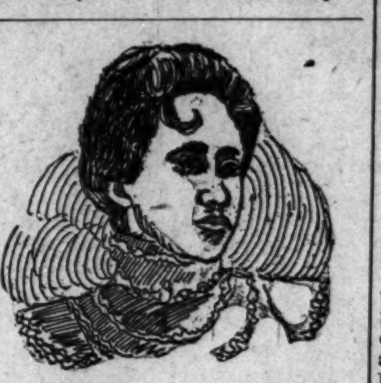
of Muncie.



FRANK WILLIS,
Prominent Railroad Man, Atchison, Kan.

Social and General News.

Monmouth, Ill., Special.—The Warren County Republican club, of this city, rendered an excellent program in honor of the birthday of the late President McKinley, at the A. M. E. church, on the 29th ult. The church was filled with an enthusiastic audience, and the program was well rendered. Rev. G. C. Mason, pastor of the Second Baptist church, was in Galesburg last week and assisted in ordaining a young divine. John Tutt, of Kansas, is visiting his cousin, Mrs. Martha Baker, in the city. Mrs. Fannie Munson spent several days in Galesburg last week visiting her daughter. There are several on the sick list, among whom are Mesdames Matilda Catlin, J. Paine, R. Long and Granville Cooper.



MRS. GEORGE F. ROBINSON,
Club Woman, Colorado Springs, Col.

A Successful Base Ball Club.

Wheeling, W. Va., Special.—The All Stars base ball club, of this city, are preparing for a victorious season this year. They had a great success last year, losing only two games out of thirty-five. The club was known last year as the McLures. The club is composed of the following players: Ben Jackson, s. s; Lewis Gray, 1st b.; L. Wooden, 2d b.; J. Green, 3d b.; C. Cull, C. McMechen and Y. Amster, catch; Y Johnson, Y. Freeland and S. Sanders. pitch; J. Henry, r. f.; D. Gray, c. f.; W. Johnson, l. f.; J. Green, captain; T. Branch, manager; C. McMechen, secretary. When in the city stop in at Tom's shoe shining parlor, the best in the city The finest tonsorial parlor in the city is run by a colored lady, Lucy Allingsworth. She is the only colored barber in the city.

Of Repleted Kindness.

Kansas City, Mo, Jan. 22, 1903.

Mr. Geo. L. Knox, Indianapolis, Ind.:

Dear Sir.—Enclosed find $1 00 for renewal of The Freeman for one year. I have been a constant reader of said paper for ten years and subscriber; find it the best journal of its kind, and should find a place in every home.

Yours truly,

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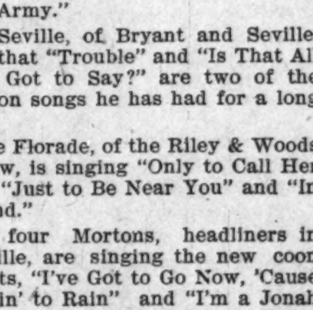

MRS. JOHN TRUSTY,
Colorado, Springs, Col.

Songs and Singers.

Wilson and Wilson are making big hits with the comic songs. "Only to Call Her Baby," "Oh Joy" and "Johnny in the Army."

Gus Seville, of Bryant and Seville, claims that "Trouble" and "Is That All You've Got to Say?" are two of the best coon songs he has had for a long while.

Nellie Florade, of the Riley & Woods big show, is singing "Only to Call Her Baby," "Just to Be Near You" and "In Loveland."

The four Mortons, headliners in vaudeville, are singing the new coon song hits, "I've Got to Go Now, 'Cause Its Goin' to Rain" and "I'm a Jonah Man." These songs are also being sung by Grace Chapman and Sidney Grant.

Landers and Stanley are singing "Dream Days of Seville" in vaudeville.

The four Browns are singing "Along the Mobile Shore," "Sallie Brown" and "The Girl Who Leads the Band."

"Just a Line from Jennie" promises to be one of the popular story ballads of the day. It is by Heelan and Armstrong, and is sung by a number of our principal song readers.

Harry Schunk, of the Al G. Fields minstrels, is featuring "I'm a Jonah Man," Williams and Walker's newest hit.

The Breannecke sisters are singing Wm. Gould's "Mo Starlight Sue" and "Just for To-Night."

Tascot, the popular character delineator, is featuring Rose and Osborne's coon novelty, "I've Got to Go Now, 'Cause Its Goin' to Rain."

Wm. Quirk, of Cross and Paton, writes the publishers, "I am making an enormous hit with 'Dat's De Way to Spell Chicken,' and expect to do as much with 'Oh Joy,' Arthur Gillespie's comic novelty."

Grace Halloday, of the Fenberg Stock Company, continues to make a big hit in "Da's De Way to Spell Chicken." She is also doing Williams and Walker's "I'm a Jonah Man."

Gus Thomas, the stereopticon expert, is doing exceptionally well with Lamb and Bratton's "Somebody's Waiting 'Neath Southern Skies."

Jackson and Douglas, the clever sister team, are making big hits with "My Tiny Colored Lady" and "Good Night Beloved, Good Night." The latter song is also featured by Edna Buckley.

Marie Winchester is making a go with W. T. Francis' song, "In the Springtime."

York and Adms have in rehearsal Williams and Walker's "I'm a Jonah Man," and predict a great success for it.

The Klein Brothers and Ott, the famous musical artists, are featuring "Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder," and it goes big with them. This song is also being done by the "Harmony Four."

Stuart Barnes is the latest artist using Williams and Walker's famous "I'm a Jonah Man," which has jumped into popularity so rapidly.

"Glory," the new marshal ballad introduced in the "Billionaire" by Julius Steger, is considered the musical gem of the piece. It is beautifully staged, and goes with a vim that is refreshing. Everybody leaves the theater either humming or whistling "Glory." It is by Cogley and Bock.

Adele Ritchie's success with "My Hong Kong Baby," a new song written for her in the "Chinese Honeymoon," is assured. It is not an unusual thing for Broadway hotel orchestras to receive at least two requests an evening for it, and the publishers, M. Witmark & Sons, report satisfactory sales for the short time it has been on the market.

The Manhattan Ladies' Quartet are making a rousing success of Chapin's marshal ball ballad, "Soldiers."

That favorite comedienne, Anna Boyd, with the "Floradora" Company, is enjoying wonderful success with West and Bratton's clever song, "She Reads the New York Papers Every Day." This number is also a great hit in the various English pantomimes, for which the title has been changed to "She Reads the London Papers Every Day." Those "in the know" declare it to be one of the best songs ever written.

Smith and Bailey report a terrific success for "Dat's de Way to Spell Chicken."

That charming balladist, Lillian Jones, has made "Good Night Beloved, Good Night," and "Somewhere Some Day" her principal songs, and they go big with her.

Aurie Dagwell, so cleverly identified with Will B. Anderson's "Sadie, Say You Won't Say Nay," says that although she feels like making a change she is requested to sing the song wherever she plays return dates. She has added Gillespie and Amsterdam's "I Never Knew Till Now How Much I Loved You" to her repertoire.

Joseph Patterson, with "America's Youngest Juvenile Minstrels," is scoring success with "Dat's de Way to Spell Chicken."

Lew Dockstader, the famous minstrel, has recently secured in Chicago what he considers one of the best comic songs he ever had. It is entitled "Oh Joy!" and is by Arthuh Gillespie, the composer of the popular "Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder" and other successes. Mr. Dockstader is delighted with the song, and predicts great success for it.

Harry Lloyd reports great success for "All the Time," "Save up Your Money for a Rainy Day" and "Is That All You've Got to say?"

The charming Della Saunders is enjoying great success with "Just Idle Dreams" and "Good Night Beloved, Good Night."

Virginia Valette is featuring "Johnny in the Army" and "Marching On."

Arthur Gillespie's new song, "Oh Joy!" is winning popularity in all sections. Press Eldridge, Dave Lewis and others among the headlyiners are doing it.

Frank Bushworth, the new tenor of the Anna Held Company, is singing Ford and Bratton's charming ballad, "When You Are Hear," with great success.

"Orizaba" is the name of the new Mexican intermezzo, by James C. Dewey, that has completely captured the far West. It is being played by all bands and orchestras, and is very popular in the musical homes of San Francisco.

Wesley Hill, of the Hills, is enthusiastic over his great success in the new coon song hit, "Dat's de Way to Spell Chicken."

Charlie Cuyer is making a big hit with "Maggie and Me."

Good Advice.

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The Tuskegee Summer Normal Institute for colored teachers will be in session from June 29 to August 7.

Rabbi Levy of New York City, Professors L. B. Moore and Kelley Miller of Howard University and Dr. Lucy Moten, Principal of the Negro Normal School Washington, D. C., Dr. W. E. B. DuBois of Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga., and Prof. Chas. H. Albert of the State Normal School, Bloomsburg, Pa., will be among the lecturers and teachers of the school For full information regarding courses offered, tuition, expenses, railway rates, etc., address

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W. A. MAHARA, MINSTRELS, (Western-Frank Mahara Mgr.)—Henderson, Ky., Feb. 7; Tell City, Ind., 8; Hawesville, 9; Owensboro, Ky., 10; Boonville, Ind., 11; Rockport, 12; Huntingburg, 13; Princeton, 14.

MALLORY BROS. (Feuberg Stock, Co.)—Nashua, N. H., Feb. 9 to 14.

THE HOTTEST COON IN DIXIE.—Mansfield, O. Feb. 7; Wooster, 9; Millersburg, 10; Zanesville, 11; Canal Dover, 14; Canton, 16; Akron; 17; Kent, 18; Ravenna, 19; Alliance, 21; Wheeling, W. Va., 23, 24 and 25.

John W Simmons and Wm. Hedgepath have joined the Hottest Coon in Dixie company.

Harry Brown, the lightning crayon artist, is at the Main Street theatr, Peoria, Ill., this week.

Billy Miller, the advanced monologue artist with the Hottest Coon in Dixie company, sends regards to friends.

Al. E. and Mamie Holman send regards to Tom Logan, Charles R. Parker and Kid Alston. Hello Jack Watkins.

The Great Black Carl, assisted by Miss Midget Price, are still mistifying their audience nightly as the hottest coons.

William Crawford as "Old Hoss," late of Hottest Coon in Dixie Company, is now out with Phil R. Miller's Tennessean Jubilee Singers. Regards to friends.

The Brittons—Joe and Sadie—are scoring a big hit over the Orpheum Circuit, being the favorites of the Pacific slope. They played six weeks in Frisco, two weeks in Los Angeles, two weeks in Omaha and two weeks in Kansas City, then four weeks in Chicago.

Notes from the Southern Carnival company, under the management of Nat Reese:—This leaves everybody well. The Boyds send regards to the Hendersons. Mrs. Douglass Banks-Jones is making good singing "Bill Baily." Charley Holleman sends regards to all Cleveland friends. D. W. Tate says he still holds the meal ticket business fine.

Dick Thomas, the well-known Napteroon comedian, and R D Brown are resting easy in Ironwood, Mich. They report that they have just completed a three-act farce comedy, which can be played with ten people nicely, and is very funny. Regards to Georgia Minstrels No. 1 and 2, also all friends. Would like to here from Ed L. Anderson, Miss Hilda Hamilton and Tommy Greever.

Frank Clermont, the creole cornetist, now enroute with the Richard & Pringle's famous Georgia Minstrels, has received numerous presents for little Frank Clermont Jr., from members of the above company while at Omaha last week. Frankie is well thought of by the profession, and has received many tokens of good wishes from all over the country by friends of his father and mother. He sends regards to Uncle Rube, (Ernest Hogan), Simpson, Pittman, Dudley, Kelley, Clarence Powell and to Cudge.

George L. Moxley, the veteran minstrel middle man, tenor solo singer and stage manager, was married Jan. 28th, at Martinsburg, W. Va, to Miss Hallie Bell, one of the first ladies of the city. She is a teacher of philosophy and a very clever performer on the piano. Mr. Moxley is in the barber business at Martinsburg at present. He contemplates taking a concert company on the road next season. Long may he and his wife live, and may prosperity go with them.

Napoleon Johnson writes from the big minstrel festival:—In regard to the weather, from the tone of the letters I have received from home, the weather there is nothing like this. At this writing the parade is just over and as the sun is beaming and perspiration is streaming, most of the boys can be seen laying in the grass under a palm tree. Some of the boys remarked that if certain parties were up in the cocoanut and palm trees jumping from branch to branch, they would look more at home. While in Tampa we were out to Pat Chappelle's Buckingham Theater and met our old friends, Elmo Dodd, Amos Gilliard, Billy Bradley and others. Owing to our early departure Monday night, we were unable to witness the performance, but they all attended our matinee in a body. They report that everything was lovely. Owing to limited time, my notes this week are not what I wish, but as we will soon finish our Florida trip, in my next letter I will give a brief description. An incident happened recently which I would not have believed had people told me. Owing to misunderstanding about the time in Tittusville, four of the boys and myself missed the train, so it was up to us to catch the next one, which was called the vestibuled train. When we went to the office to purchase tickets the agent refused to sell us any and informed us that Negroes did not ride on that train, as it was reserved for white passengers. This is what we call civilized America. It would not have been so bad if they only had a "jim crow" car on, as it was necessary to catch this train in order to get to Coco in time for a night show.

J. Harry Jackson sends the following from New York City:—The Williams & Walker company, augmented by a chorus of sixty, will open at the New York Theater, on Broadway, for a run of eight weeks, on Feb. 18th. George W. Walker was in evidence during the past week at the rehearsals of the extra people, which has been progressing nicely for three weeks under the direction of Messrs. Jesse Shipp and Will M. Cook. Watch for the roster of this mammoth organization in my next. George Walker left the city last Saturday for St. Paul, Minn., where the company is appearing this week.—Dan Avery is now up and around again after a short stay in the New York hospital. Mr. Avery and his partner, Charles Hart, are one of the biggest hits at Keith's Union Square theater this week.—Murphy and Slater are now appearing over the Proctor circuit.—Cooper & Bailey were at the Third Avenue theater Sunday night.—Sidney Perrin, the well know song writer, author of "Dat's the way to spell chicken," and other hits, is in the city. Mr. Perrin has just completed an operatic farce, entitled "The Johnsons Out Done."—"Big Chief" Charles H. Moore, of the "Front," sends regards to all the wearies and ex-wearies, and says he hopes to see them all in the "Good old summer time."—The Six Black Birds are at Proctor's Twenty-third Street house this week.—Charlie Davis, of the acrobatic team of Goggin & Davis, is recovering from an attack of tonsilitis This team will sail for England early in the spring to fill a long string of engagements.—Yeager & Yeager are appearing this week at the Gotham Theater, Brooklyn; next week they are booked to appear at Poli's, Meridian, Conn.; also Hurtig & Seamon's, New York; Shea's, Springfield, Mass.; Park Theater, Worcester, Mass., and Poli's Bridgeport, Conn., for week engagements in the order mentioned.—Henry Austin, cornetist, would like to hear from Fred. W. Simpson, address 114 W. Thirty-first street.

Chicago Notes.

Bailey and Spiller, who met with pleasing success at Peoria, Ill, at the Main Street theatre, last week, are in the city. Mr. Spiller, who is a composer of music, will soon put on the market a piece that will be the "hit" of the season for all orchestras. The Byron family are in the city. The Smart Set left for St Louis last Saturday night. Cook and Jones and (Rastus) Rance Smith, who have been the hit at Peter's vaudeville house, are laying off this week. Williams and Stevens made such a big hit at the Metropolitan theatre that the management wants them to return again as they give better satisfaction as Gewauks than all the Ofays they had. As a team they are hard to beat, and the public substantiates it by asking the management for their return. C. W. Williams again assumes the management of the Peter's vaudeville house, 24th and State. As a manager he is up to date. He and his partner, Augustus Stevens are hard workers and deserve the encouragement they have so shown to the public. You will always find The Freeman on sale at Daddy Love's Theatrical Exchange, 336 Twenty-seventh street. Charles Pass Arnold, who has been playing in Frisco and Omaha for some time, is in the city. Burt Grant opens at the Olympic theatre on the 9th.

Notes from the Famous Georgia Minstrels.

We are still in the great Iowa doing good business; have had some very hard weather; our company is in the finest of health, and looking phenominally fine, and really hate to leave the grand old State, although the Georgia's are no stranger to any State, and we expect to soon be among our Kansas friends again for a short while. Mr. Harry Fiddler reports that he will close with the Georgia Minstrels February 1st, at Council Bluffs, Iowa. All communications will reach him at Hotel Fiddler, Indianapolis, Ind. Our company spent Sunday, Jan. 25th, in Omaha, and met many friends both in and out of the profession, and as we show at Council Bluffs this Sunday, we will have another go with our Omaha friends next Sunday. We have had a lot of real sport among ourselves the past week, and considerable money exchanged hands—foot racing being the main sport. Harry Fiddler and L. Cooper captured the major portion of the money lost. A great many frivolous disputes arose concerning the races During one two participants well known to all our readers have agreed to put on the gloves with one another for a finish, each man backing himself for $10 a side, viz., W. A. Dixon and Charles R. Parker. This is the next enterprise for the Georgia's. The date is not set at this writing, though the match is on. Regards to George A. Swan and R. L. Wilson. Mr. Adam Cooper, one of the oldest settlers of Mt. Vernon, Ind., is lying dangerously ill at his home with typhoid pneumonia.

MRS. ADAI OVERTON WALKER,

Adai Overton Walker is a jewel and the unquestioned "pace setter" for all contemporary aspirants for "top notch" honors, so far as Negro actresses are concerned. Her work is not only a distinct departure from any yet attempted by a colored woman, but a genuine novelty, insomuch, as it is not exactly like any now bein done by white women. It panders to monologue, it is true, whoever is responsible for the body politic of her dialogue has high claims to both originality and merit.

Chicago Notes.

It gives me great pleasure to announce to the public that in the instrumental world we have two artists whom we can undoubtedly feel proud of, in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Prampin. They were such strong headliners at the Clark Street Theater that the managers of different vaudeville houses throughout the city are hunting them up. Mrs. Prampin is a woman who deserves great credit, for she is a hard worker and a good manager. She is booked for one week in Madison, Wis., the next week at the Palace Museum, Milwaukee, and then joins her husband the following week for a run at the Main Street Theater, Peoria, Ill. * * Messrs. Cole and Johnson stopped off in the city en route to 'Frisco, and were the guests of Mr. Charles Sager. The boys are looking, and everyone here is patiently waiting, for their Chicago engagement. * * Cook and Jones, the great knock-about song and dance team, are holding the boards at Peter's big vaudeville house. They send kind regards to all of their friends. * * Phil Miller, formerly with the "Hottest Coon in Dixie Company," has organized a jubilee company that is packing the houses everywhere. * * Wm. Windom and the Blackstone Quartet, who are so universally known all over the country, are filling engagements again. Managers, take notice. * * Nina Orme, formerly of the "Sons of Ham," is visiting her sister in the city. * * Messrs. Williams and Stevens, who are meeting with great success as entertainers, are becoming so popular in their sketches that wherever they fill an engagement they have the managers writing and wiring them to come back. They are the cleverest team upon the stage to-day, and managers are not overlooking them either. They are both clever boys and deserve great credit, as they are working hard at every performance. Regards to all. * * Mr. Wm. Dixon's quartette filled an engagement in Peoria, Ill., and were highly complimented by the public and press. * * Irving Jones, as usual, is taking the honor of the bill at the vaudeville houses. He is always a Chicago favorite. * * Prof. J. R. Manning, manager of the Big Giant City Quartet, was in the city recently. Mr. Duffy, soloist and mandolinist, joined him. * * The greatest and only real up-to-date colored organization that has ever appeared before the footlights opened at the Academy last Sunday to S. R. O., and kept it up at every performance. Ernest Hogan was at his best and was continually encored. Billy McClain showed to the public that as a comedian he is it. He has not, as the average performer does, gone back, but is improving, giving you new ideas and fresh jokes. A better team could not have been selected to head this beautiful aggregation called "Smart Set." Jerry Mills, stage manager, comes in for his share as a clever detective. Wm. Jordan is very good in every particular. The chorus cannot be surpassed by no company up to the present time, barring none, white or black. Although they were slightly handicapped in the selection of a down-town theater, they have paved a new way for the Negro entertainers. The company as a whole is simply, as Daddy Love says, Tabasco sauce, which is hotter than horseradish, which you know is pretty hot. They will be able to pack the Auditorium when they return again. Whilst laying off here in the city last week they were entertained by friends to the king's taste. * * Williams and Walker are laying off in the city this week. They dropped in and witnessed the production of the "Smart Set," and pronounced it a success. * * Daddy Love was the recipient of a late likeness of Mr. Frank Clermont, of Ruscoe & Holland's Minstrels. * * Daddy Love sends regards to Tom Logan, Tenia Gillam, Mallory Bros. and Brooks, Frank Clermont and Dudley Kelley.

Doctrine of George W. Walker.

By Sylvester Russell.

Every cloud has its silver lining. One day the sun shines for you, and the next day for somebody else. Today it shines for Mr. Walker. The gentleman in question is George W. Walker, of Williams and Walker, the most famous team of comedians in America. I choose Mr. Walker for a singular inference. In summing up the deal of criticism of the past year, a vast amount of it fell unintentionally upon him. There was no special cause for this except his defective style of dressing for low comedy. This defect does not mar his ability as an actor, but rather reflects upon the playwrights. But Negro comedies have been put together so much by botchworkers, it is hard to tell who the authors of any of the plays really are. The quality of acting depicted by Mr. Walker is of such an odd type that there is scarcely any of the writers with whom he has been associated who had the ability to write a part classical and witty enough to suit the requirements of his personality. Mr. Walker is not a low comedy comedian. He will only be able to sustain his reputation in high Negro comedy and classical features.

As the cleverest talker of his race on the stage, what can he say beyond the limits of the botchworkers? What can he do as a faddest when noted composers, who advertise themselves at his expense, fail to write him a song that will make him shine? The song, "On Broadway in Dahomey," is very clever to be sure—considering who wrote it. Mr. Walker may well be styled "The Colored Fashion Plate." He excels everybody in style. His ways are rich and his language unapproachable. His dances are sugar-cured tips of aristocracy.

These are the distinct qualifications with which he must mesmerize the people in order to maintain the power of his magnetism.

When Mr. Walker rushed on the stage in his Brooklyn engagement, emblazoned with diamonds, I said to myself, "Now he's in his element." How sorry I am that playwrights do not know enough to keep him dressed up—since he does not seem to insist upon it himself. But never mind; let it go. The young comedy playwrights are doing fairly well—quite as well as the actors.

Playwrights can answer back and say: If actors want to keep dressed up why don't they say so? White actors commission the playwrights to do "thus and so," and this means that both Mr. Walker and the botchworkers will learn to think a little more hereafter. Mr. Walker is not only blessed with accomplishments and success, but he is generally regarded by all his friends and acquaintances as a man of exceptionally good personal qualities.

To add to all these luxurious blessings, he is the husband of the most talented actress of his race—Ada Overton Walker.

Notes from Philadelphia, Pa.

The Coontown Four Hundred Company closed the season at Millville, N. J., on January 3, after a very successful tour of the principal cities throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. The proprietor, Mr. James L. Goodall, has established professional headquarters at 1234 Pine street. Mr. Charles C. Gibbs, formerly of the team of Taylor and Gibbs, is booking talent for several of the large theaters for stock companies. Manager Goodall is getting special scenery for his summer tour under canvas.

SOME SONGS AND SINGERS.

Glenn and Claire, in a meledy, are making use of "Because You Were an Old Sweetheart of Mine," "I Want Yer Back Ma Hun," "Ma Starlight Sue," "Every Little Dog Has His Day," and "Pretty Molly Shannon." In single specialties "Soldiers" and "I'm a Jonah Man."

At the Great Northern Theater, Chicago, the orchestra program contains the "Happy Hooligan" medley, introducing "Soldiers," "Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder," "Trouble," "I'd Like to Have a Photograph of You" and "Stay in Your Own Back Yard."

Marden Klark, of the Klark-Urban Company, writes of the wonderful success attaching to the presentation of "Somebody's Waiting 'Neath Southern Skies."

Al Brown, the colored singing comedian, is making a big hit with "Show Your Invitation or You Can't Come In."

The Manhattan Ladies' Quartette, present most effectively the brilliant march song, "Soldiers."

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FORTY ACRES AND SIX IN FAMILY.

A reader of these notes in central Illinois wishes to know how his forty acre farm may be operated so as to support a family of six and pay off a small mortgage which there is upon it. The land is level and good and located within three and a half miles of a thrifty town of 6,000 people. It may be said that any of the old methods of farming could not be made to accomplish the result desired. Something new must be tried, and it must be in the line of an intensive and diversified agriculture. There should be on this farm six cows of the strictly dairy type, capable of producing 325 pounds of butter each per year; there should be not less than 300 hens, Plymouth Rocks recommended; there should be a small silo with a capacity of seventy or eighty tons; there should be two or three brood sows well bred. The farm should be divided into four fields of ten acres each, the boundary lines being fruit trees of varieties suited to that latitude. Ten acres should be kept in pasture, twenty acres in field crops, such as corn, potatoes, clover, millet, sorghum, oats, peas and alfalfa if it will grow. The remaining ten acres will include the homestead, a small fruit garden of five acres devoted to blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, currants, and the remaining three acres to be devoted to pieplant, asparagus, celery, beans, onions, sweet corn and other salable vegetables. This family of six will find all the work they want to do, and more, too, on this small tract of land thus operated. Thus conducted there will not be a day in the year when some product or other of this farm may not be taken to town for sale, and if intelligently operated upon the foregoing lines, proper attention being paid to the items of crop rotation and continuous and heavy fertilization of the soil, we would almost guarantee a good living for the family, an early payment of the mortgage and the steady building up of a comfortable bank account. This not only looks good on paper, but it is essentially good in practice.

A FOOLISH OLD BACHELOR.

This man was an old bachelor, and his kind do some mighty foolish things. He was sixty years old, owned a quarter section farm worth $12,000 and was free from debt. The recent land craze struck him. He fell into the toils of a smooth tongued land agent who gave him a free ride up to the jumping off place in British Columbia, where he was induced to buy $10,000 worth of range land at $8 per acre. He gave his note for the first payment of $4,000, which his local bank discounted, and loaded himself up with a yearly interest charge of $600, while he rented his good farm for $500 per annum. As he paid as much for his Canada land as it will probably be worth twenty years from now, he has got himself into a nice financial fix. Had he married some bright woman years ago, it is not likely that he would have done so foolish a thing. Don't be an old bachelor.

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The government has spent the sum of $240,000,000 in its effort to educate and civilize the American Indian, and about all it has to show for this expenditure is a football team at Carlisle, Pa., and an educated squaw wearing a blanket and beads at the Pine Ridge agency, who is an accomplished pianist. It might about as well have tried to make watchdogs of wolves.

Jno. Grigg

SETTING OUT A HEDGE.

A good many of our readers, both in town and country, may want to set out some sort of a hedge next spring. There are two or three things of importance connected with this undertaking—one, the proper selection of tree or shrub to be used for this purpose; another, to see that only young and healthy trees are used, and, third, to give such hedge the proper care when planted. We know of nothing that makes a better hedge, taking beauty and hardiness into consideration, than the common red cedar. The trees when planted should not be more than eight or ten inches high, should be thick and bushy and well rooted and be set not more than a foot apart. After the first year they should be carefully trimmed so as to thicken them up close to the ground and thus form a solid base for the future hedge. This cannot be done if trees of any size are used. After the trees are well rooted keep them mulched, and the future success of the hedge will depend wholly upon the care used in trimming it.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

The consolidation of the country schools, a subject which has awakened a good deal of interest during the past two years, is not making very rapid headway. There are serious objections connected with it, not the least of which is the removal from the community of the schoolhouse which under the present system serves as a gathering place for the people of the district. Then there is the transference of the management of local educational affairs into the hands of comparative strangers far away, all of which amounts to a deprivation of the right of local self government, which lies at the very foundation of our republican institutions. The consolidation of country schools should never be enforced where it is at all possible to maintain the district school under the present system and at the same time secure competent teachers.

A BAD INFLUENCE.

In early days when the prairie regions of the west were first settled it came about that nearly all of the choice tracts of timber were gobbled up by land speculators, leaving the settlers on the prairie without fuel and fencing which they could obtain lawfully. It did not take very long to place these tracts of speculators' timber lands in the minds of these settlers outside of the operation of both the moral and civil law. This business had a demoralizing effect upon the settlers. We know of one community where not until the last stick of speculators' timber was gone was it possible to maintain any kind of a religious service. After the timber was gone a church was built, and the men who stole the timber are now bright and shining lights therein.

LOOKING TOWARD THE FARM.

We received a letter not long since from a merchant doing business in a town in a western state in which he said that every dollar he was able to save was being put into an eighty acre farm located three miles from his town and that just as soon as he could he was going to quit the store and move on to his farm, where, he says, he believes he will be free from the daily fret and worry incident to competitive business life. We think he is right in his conclusions. More than ever before the farm conducted on modern plans is becoming attractive to a very large class of men engaged in mercantile and professional lines of business and is one gratifying evidence that the tendency of men to rush to the city is being gradually overcome.

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Grand Ovation and Banquet.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—A grand ovation and banquet under the auspices of the Mothers' Union was tendered Rev. E. J. Fisher, D. D., Monday evening, the 19th, as it was his installation as pastor of Olivet Baptist church, 27th and Dearborn street. There were somewhere about two hundred seated at the banquet table. Invocation by Rev. Knight. The church was packed from pulpit to door by lookers on and people who could not get at the table. Mr. William Jefferson, in behalf of the church, made a beautiful welcome address. The welcome address by S. A. Griffin in behalf of the Deacon's board was ably presented. H. T. Elby, as superintendent of the Sunday-school, in an oratorical manner, delivered a beautiful welcome from his department. O. L. Ballinger, Rev. Johnstone Myers, pastor of Emanuel Baptist church, Rev. A. J. Carey of Quinn Chapel, A. M. E. church, Hon. B. F. Moseley, Dr. George C. Hall, Mrs. L. A. Davis, national organizer of colored woman's clubs, and M. N. Work paid great honors to Rev. Fisher. The solos by Mrs. Carrie Dennie French and Dr. J. N. Croker were well rendered and applanded by the church. Rev. P. J. Bryant of Atlanta, Ga., once a pupil under Rev. Fisher, delivered the installation sermon in a very pleasing manner. In his acceptance Rev. Fisher displayed great care, and being endowed with blessings from above as a christian, spoke in such a manner of his incoming administration that all, both friends and enemies, received him as their friend and pastor May God bless him and guide him safely. The banquet was nicely handled by experienced waiters. Mrs. M. A. Thornton and Albert P. Smith, employes of the Chicago postoffice, are on the sick list. Ernest Hogan, the comedian, is the guest of Daniel Jackson while in the city. Mrs. Jennie Raymore has a severe cold. Miss Mattie Clark, who has been on the sick list, is able to be out again. Any one wishing to take The Freeman by the year can notify Mrs. Lizzie Blakey, 436 Wells street, or P. R. Hendrix, 336 Tentyseventh street. Also, items of interest will be attended to if given in not later than Monday evening.

Thirty-Seventh Annual Convention.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—The 37th annual convention of the Bricklayers' and Masons' International Union of America was held here in January, 1903 They are a splendid body of colored men representing different unions. A rousing welcome by the city officials and labor organizations was given them. The color line was drawn when it came to banqueting the colored delegates. They had a swell banquet tendered them January 19th at Smith's cafe, 145 Beale street. Twenty white officials attended. Charles L. Berry of Youngstown, Ohio, was toastmaster for the evening. The banquet was quite a success. Mrs. Mattie Buttle of Jackson, Miss., is stopping at the Smith cafe. Mrs. H. Anderson of Oxford, Miss., was the guest of Mrs E. Beale, 298 South street. Call on E. B. Gill when you want a Freeman. Mrs. Sofrona Carr died at the residence of her mother, 198 Desoto street. She leaves a husband, mother and sister to mourn their loss. Charles L. Berry left for Youngstown, Ohio. He made quite a number of friends while here.

Kentucky News Items.

Nicholasville, Ky., Special.—The Baptists are carrying on a revival, which has proven to be very successful so far. It is the greatest revival that Nicholasville has had for some years. Rev. Lee Gray of Cincinnati is doing the preaching. Miss Katie Welch has arrived home from St. Louis, Mo. James H. Wilson has closed a very successful season with the Cooke Peerless band of Lexington, Ky. The A. M. E. church is the prettiest house of worship in Nicholasville. May the other two take a tumble. Messrs. George Carter, Mike Bell and Thomas Nelson are expert waiters at the Hotel Nicholas. Mr. Carter is a good performer at the piano, Mr. Bell is a pugilist, while Mr. Nelson is a foot ball player of great renown. Subscribe for The Freeman.

News From Utah.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Special.—The G. U. O of O. F. Salt Lake Lodge No. 3895 gave their fourth annual smoker Thursday, Jan. 22. Mrs. B. B. Allyn and daughter left on Sunday, the 18th, for their home in Denver, Col., after a pleasant visit of six months Miss Jessie Griffin, a Salt Lake belle, will leave in the near future for Dallas, Texas, to visit her aunt, Mrs. Louise Wade. Mr. John Barnes has moved his barbershop to 18 Commercial street. Salt Lake people are now looking for the Commercial club boys to give their grand ball.

Odd Fellows' Ball Postponed.

Washington, Pa., Special.—The grand ball that was to have been given by McFarland Lodge No. 2802, Odd Fellows, on the 22d, has been postponed until a future date, on account of revival services at the different churches Mrs. Martha Streat, who has been visiting relatives here since Christmas, returned to her home in Newcastle on the 23d. Lemuel B. Burgess, waiter at the Seigel Hotel, met with a painful accident by getting his hand cut. He will be laid up several weeks. Nathan Miller, of Wheeling, W. Va., has accepted a position at the Siegel Hotel. The Freeman is on sale at 18 E. Chestnut street, every Saturday.

Happenings Around the Fort.

Ft. Reno, Okla., Special.—A meeting was held in the post hall recently for the purpose of organizing a company to go to the Philippines to colonize and build the town of Sanfernando, Province of Zambles, by ex-soldiers of the 25th U. S. Infantry. C. W. Owens, of Cementville, Ind., was elected president; Wm. Lewis, of Co, F, secretary; E. Reynolds, treasurer. C. W. Owens is a bright and promising young man and has made a study of Philippines and its people during his three years service there, and can speak the language like a native. Wm. J. Haynes, 1st Sergt. Co. F, 25th Inft., who was married on the 7th to Miss Zacha Gordon, of El Reno, O. T., has built a nice little cottage in the Fort. They entertained the club known as Bully Monks on the 19th. The Bully Monks is one of the swellest clubs in Oklahoma. It takes its name from the daring and brave deeds done by its members during the war in the Philippines, and the natives gave them the name of Bully Monks. Sergt. L. S. King, of Co. F, and Miss Sadie Shannon, of El Reno, Okla., were quietly married at the home of the bride on the 18th. B. Smith has sold his saloon and will open a first class ice cream parlor for the pleasure of the boys in blue during the summer. Sergt. Reynolds and bride have returned from their bridal trip and will take charge of the post laundry. Company F, 25th Infantry has the two best cooks in the army. They are A. L. Fuller and C. Pain, with little Bull Smith as dining room man. The Tuxedo club, of Ft. Reno, gave a swell ball at the fort on the 19th. Among the many guests were Miss Sallie Yeager, of King Fisher, and Mrs. Bettie Owens, of Guthrie. Music was furnished by Parker's orchestra.

Pertinent, Pithy Pickings.

Lebanon, Ky., Special.—The son of Prof. K. Smith has been quite ill for the past week, and has been under the care of a trained nurse. The funeral of Mrs. Vina Pruette took place from the C. M. E. church on the 20th inst. She was 71 years old, and had been a member of the church for fifty years. Mrs. Mattie Irvin, who came here to attend her mother's funeral, has returned to her home in Louisville. Mrs. Mattie Grundy, who has been very ill for some time, is much improved. Miss Mary Ray, one of the teachers in the city schools, who has been ill for three weeks, has resumed her work in the schools. The song service was very good at Zion church last Sunday.

Pertinent Pick-ups.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—Mrs. Mary E Boyd, of Paducah, is the guest of her brother, Charles Cook, in Twelfth street. Thomas Newton is at the Galt House. Henry Rodgers, who has been ill, is out again. Joe Milligan, a well known waiter who has been in Chicago several weeks, has returned to the city. William Lockey gave a box party in honor of Robert King. Stop at 1031 W. Walnut street and get a copy of The Freeman.

Election of Officers.

Louisville (Ky.) Special to The Freeman.

The Louisville Negro Business League held its annual election Friday night, Jan. 23, with the following results: S. W. Jordan, president; E. I. Masterson, vice-president; W. J. Sylkman, 2d vice-president; W. T. Garnett, secretary; Walter Ramsey, assistant secretary; J. R. Neighbors, treasurer; N. R. Harper, league attorney. Executive Board: Junius Perkins, Joseph Hocker, E. W. Hansberry, R. R. Smith, J. S. Hobson, David Baker, Joseph Crane, H. H. Able and J. B. Fuller. The installation will take place at G. B. Sanders, 533 W. Green street, Feb. 13.

A Brilliant Wedding.

Natchitoches, La., Special.—Miss Eunice Bell and Mr. Walter Kinsler were married at Asbury M. E. Church, Tuesday, Jan. 20, at exactly 8:15 p. m. The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. Daniel and Mrs. Perran Bell, is one of the most graceful, intelligent and industrious young ladies of the town. Mr. Kinsler comes well recommended from Donaldsonsville, La. We bespeak for them a pleasant voyage upon the matrimonial sea.

J. W. Thomas.

Social and Enterprise.

Bloomington, Ill., Special.—The waiters of the New Illinois hotel gave a swell ball at the new armory hall Thursday the 5th, under the management of dining-room waiters, Prof. Dillon's band of ten pieces filled the hall with glowing music. Tickets were sold at $1 per couple and the grand march began at 8:30 o'clock, something seldom happens. Mr. Bass, a colored blacksmith, has become a partner with Mr. Browning, a wealthy white blacksmith of the city. Their cards are headed, "R. M. Browning and Z. H. Bass, Browning & Bass, horseshoeing and plow works, carriage and wagon repairing."

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"For many years I suffered from nervous prostration, and could not direct my household affairs, nor have any cares. My stomach was very weak, headaches very severe, and I was so nervous that there was not a night in years that I slept over one hour at a time. We spent hundreds of dollars for doctors and medicine. I was taken to Chicago and treated by specialists, but received no benefit at all. Finally I heard of Dr. Miles' Nervine and began its use. I was surprised that it helped me so quickly, and great was my joy to find, after using seven bottles, that I had fully recovered my health."—Mrs. W. A. Thompson, Duluth, Minn.

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SOME INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENTS ON HOLIDAY NUMBER.

The Christmas number of the Indianapolis Freeman was simply superb. It represented both artistic and intellectual high water mark.—Washington Record.

Three of our contemporaries (Colored) ran very excellent Christmas number's during the holidays They were The Chicago Broadax, The Indianapolis Freeman and The Florida Sentinel. We congratulate you all, dear brethren, and hope your "great issues" an earnest measure of success.—Boston Guardian

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The Afro-American press gang celebrated the Christmastide in various ways. The Atlanta Age boldly announced that on account of Christmas, no paper would be issued next week. The St Paul Appeal playfully printed a group of chorus girls upside down. The Indianapolis Freeman, the Florida Sentinel, the Topeka Plaindealer, the Oakland Sunshine and others got out special Christmas numbers of more or less attractiveness.—New York Age.

The Christmas Freeman was a magnificent production, and one of which every Negro should feel proud. I looked at it until I became lost in admiration. May The Freeman live on forever and keep its good work agoing. There is always a warm spot in my heart for it.—Albert B. Jhonson, 1209 N. Third street, West Superior, Wis.

Rutherford, Ala., Jan. 13, 1903.

Mr. Geo. L Knox, Indianapolis, Ind:

Dear Sir.—You will find inclosed $1,00 my subscription to The Freeman. I highly appreciate your kindness for having sent it to me so long without pay. Your holiday number was a hummer from away back. Yours

J. W. Dawson.

Praiseworthy.

Mr. E. C. Knox—I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the superbness of the Christmas issue, and to wish you a successful and prosperous new year. Having observed the various vicissitudes of The Freeman from its inception in '86 or '87 there has been no backward movement in its progress, and it certainly stands to-day as the "Lone" exponent of Negro journalism. The only paper that came near being a dangerous rival was the Petersburg, Va., Herald, but it even had to succumb to The Freeman's superior excellence. May its lustre never grow dim.

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I, for one, as one in the midst. My heart ached from the cruel treatment of my husband and the way he would throw away his time and money until I consulted this wonderful lady. It will soon be a year. Through her he has become a loving husband; and today he presents me with a lovely lot on which he will in the spring erect a home. Tongue can't praise her too highly.

A Lady of New Iberia, La.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 17. 1902.

Madame McNairdee. Indianapolis, Ind.:

Dear Madame.—Your letter like a ray of sunshine, came duly to hand and I am very pleased with it, for every word of it were true; I am sorry that I did not write to you months ago. I enclose $6.00 for your service, hoping that you may be successful in bringing about desired results. I feel quite sure that you can. I am very sorry to hear of your being ill, and sincerely hope your speedy recovery.

Molino, Fla., Nov. 14, 1902.

Madame:—You are the proper person in the proper place. All that you say is true and all you do is good. May God bless you.

F. J.

Guntersville, Ala., Oct. 26, 1902.

I tried Mme. McNardee and find that she is well up to her profession. She will tell things to come, and they will come as predicted. It will pay people to try her who want to know many things in the future.

WRITE HER AT ONCE FOR ALL INFORMATION.

There is no doubt of this lady's prophetic power. She is a living phrenologist, palmist and a natural born clairvoyant to which thousands will testify. She is a God send to our country—born with a gift that no one can dictate. Tell you every incident of your past and present life and put you on the road of success both financially and physically if you will only heed her instructions. I called on her when the one I love had gone I knew not where and he returned at once, and today I am his dear wife.

A Lady of Fort Gibson, Ind. T.

Madame.—I feel it my duty to do this for you are all you advertise. Just think my husband and I have been separated 2 years; I called on you in September and in a week's time he returned and married me, and I can't praise you too much. Ladies that are heart-broken by family troubles, love affairs and bad luck until it seem that life is a blank, call or write to this dear lady, she will do you good; she will tell you to trust God and she will do the balance, and she will.

A Lady of Rossland, B. C.

Dear Sisters and Brothers—Call on her when you can, she will be pleese to meet you and will when ever you wish to. She devotes her entire time for the welfare of the people believing God will reward her She will make your very soul glad to hear her talk of heaven for she writes such soul searching letters, tells you how to make home happy. Please always enclose stamp for answer. Here she is as she looks today and a bride three weeks.

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The Freeman in Hot Springs, Ark.

Copies of The Freeman can be found every Saturday at Johnson Bros.' shaving parlor, 101 Malvern avenue; Henry F. Foster general agent, 36 Aspen street.

Copies of The Freeman can be secured from H. B. Brooks 1025 John street, Cincinnati, O.

The Freeman papers can be found every Saturday at Lou. Washington's restaurant and lunch-room, 5528 Lake avenue, Chicago, Ill.; phone 1154, Isaac Toulbert, News Agent.

THE GRAND FOUNTAIN OF THE UNITED ORDER OF TRUE REFORMERS

Is the leading colored Fraternal Society of the United States. It was organized January 1881 by William H. Browne and chartered in April 1883 under the laws of the State of Virginia with headquarters at Richmond, Va. Its membership is both male and female and consists of all persons of good health from fourteen to sixty years of age. Its membership of 60,000 is divided into Fountains and Circles. It pays sick benefits from $1.50 to $2.50 per week and pays death benefits from $24.50 to $1,000.00.

BENEFITS PAID.

Total benefits paid to date: Sick Dues, $1,500,000.00; Death Benefits, $714,378.75.

SENIOR FOUNTAINS.

A Fountain may be organized consisting of twenty or more persons not over fifty years of age paying a joining fee of from $4.60 to $5.10 each. The monthly dues are not less than thirty-five cents in rural districts and not less than fifty cents per month in towns and cities and a semi-annual tax of forty cents paid in January and July of each year. Sick benefits paid are from $1.50 to $2.50 per week, while death benefits range from $75.00 to $125.00. A Fountain may be organized in any locality on application to Rev. W. L. Taylor, G. W. Master, or to any of his authorized deputies.

ROSEBUDS.

For the proper training of the young and their development in thrift, industry and brotherly love, there has been formed a Children's Department known as the Rosebuds. Twenty or more children not less than three nor more than fourteen years of age may from a Rosebud, upon the payment of $1.00 each. This department like the Senior Fountain pays sick benefits from $1.00 to twenty-five cents per week and death benefits from $24.50 to $37.00. The monthly dues are fifteen cents per month.

CLASSES.

Persons desiring to leave their beneficiaries at death a larger amount than is paid from Fountain department take out policies in one or more of the Classes of the Mutual benefit degree. The members of this degree are devided into Circles and pay joining fees and dues according to the following tables:

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AGES.	Joining Fee.	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Annual Dues	Q'rterly Dues
14 to 25	$ 2 50	$ 200 00	$ 100 00	$ 4 75	$ 1 20
25 to 30	2 75	200 00	100 00	4 75	1 20
30 to 35	3 00	200 00	100 00	4 75	1 20
35 to 40	3 25	200 00	100 00	5 70	1 43
40 to 45	3 50	140 00	70 00	5 79	1 43
45 to 50	3 75	115 00	58 00	6 65	1 66
50 to 55	4 00	90 00	45 00	6 65	1 66
55 to 60	4 25	65 00	33 00	7 60	1 90

CLASS "E" TABLE.

AGES.	Joining Fee	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Value of Certificate before 1 yr	Annual Dues	Q'rterly Dues
14 to 25	$ 5 00	$ 500 00	$ 250 00	$ 9 50	$ 2 50
25 to 30	5 25	500 00	250 00	9 50	2 40
30 to 35	5 50	500 00	250 00	9 50	2 40
35 to 40	5 75	500 00	250 00	10 40	2 60
40 to 45	6 00	450 00	225 00	10 40	2 60
45 to 50	6 25	400 00	200 00	11 40	2 85
50 to 60	6 50	350 00	175 00	11 40	2 85

CLASS "M" TABLE.

AGES.	Joining Fee	Value of Certificate	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues
14 to 30	$ 11 00	$ 1000 00	$ 21 00	$ 5 25
30 to 35	12 00	1000 00	22 00	5 50
35 to 40	12 00	900 00	23 00	5 75
40 to 45	13 00	800 00	24 00	6 00
45 to 50	13 00	700 00	25 00	6 25

REGALIA.

The members of the Fountains and Rosebuds of the organization wear no expensive regalia. The regalia of the organization is simple and its cost within the reach of all, costing from 10 cents to $350 the same is made by the organization in what is known as the Regalia Department.

THE SAVINGS BANK.

In March 1888, there was granted by the Legislature of Virginia, a charter to the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountian United Order of True Reformers, capital stock $100,000 00. The bank commenced bussiness April 3rd, 1889, and from that time down to the present has steadily increased in volume of business. It now has a paid-up capital stock of $100,000.00. From the humble sum of $1,268.69 deposited the first day the bank opened for business in 1889, the deposits have grown to $350,858.00, and the volume of business transacted amounts to $6,190,141.47. During the financial panic of 1893, the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain was the only bank in the city of Richmond that did not cease to pay cash on all checks presented while the majority of other banks were using script and clearing-house checks. This bank had its origin in the brain of William W. Browne an ex slave of Habersham county, Ga. The banking house is located at 604 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va., Rev. W. L. Taylor, President; R. T. Hill, Cashier.

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT

The Real Estate Department has charge of all the real property to the amount of $225,221.65, situated in various States, consisting of 18 magnificent buildings used as halls, 8 dwellings, 1 hotel, 5 stores and 3 farms. It also has under its control 16 large buildings leased by it.

This department is under the management of Lawyer J. C. Robertson, Chief of Real Estate and Attorney for the organization, with offices at 604 N. Second street, Richmond, Va.

REFORMER'S MECANTILE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION

Was chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia on the 14th day of December 1899 with principal office in the city of Richmond, Va. The purpose of this Association is to conduct stores (wholesale and retail) buy and sell real property, manage and control hotels, manufacturing establishments, and general business. The Association has in operation Hotel Reformer, 900 N. Sixth street, Richmond, Va. It is a modern up-to-date structure, heated by steam, cold and hot water baths, also electric cars passing the door. This hotel has accommodation for 150 guests. Mr. A. W. Holmes is manager and Mr. T. W. Taylor is clerk. It has in operation a system of five stores, located as follows: Richmond, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Manchester, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; and Roanoke, Va. The first of these stores, at Richmond, Va., was opened April 3rd, 1900. It emyloys a force of eighteen men, runs three delivery wagons, and during the first year did $50,000 worth of business. The other stores have been established since and have been equally as prosperous. The General Manager of the system of stores is Mr. B. L. Jordan, headquarters at 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va. This Association was formed on the plans and recommendations made by Rev. W. L. Taylor, its President.

THE REFORMER PRINTING DEPARTMENT

Issues a weekly journal, THE REFORMER, which has a circulation of 12,000. This paper is published in the interest of the race, and discusses the leading questions of the day. The subscription price is $1 per year, or 5c per single copy. The office is equipped with modern up-to-date machinery, run by electricity. It can print anything from a visiting card to a poster 12 by 62 inches. Fine job-work of every class and description is made a specialty at lowest prices, Mr. E. W. Brown is Editor and Business Manager, office 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va. Correspondence solicited and agents wanted.

OLD FOLKS' HOME.

In September 1893, Rev. William W. Brown recommended the formation and establishment of Old Folks' Homes for the benefit of the old and decrepid members of the race. Since that time the valuable farm known as Westham, consisting of 634¼ acres, located six miles from Richmond, Va., on the historic "James" has been purchased at a cost of $14,400. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs through the farm and Westham Station is located on it. Adjoining this farm is Westhampton Park, one of the most pleasant resorts in the South in summer. It is reached in a few minutes from Richmond by the Westhampton Electrict Railway and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

As this home is for the benefit of the whole race, the co-operation of all charitable friends is prayfully solicited. All contributions, donations and bequeaths of every character will be very thankfully received. Mr. T. W. Taylor is chief in charge of the Old Folks' Homes, offices at 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va.

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SPORT

Edited By BREAKAWAY.

"I was never made to be an actor," says Jack Munroe. "I am tired of that business, and would rather fight six fights a week than act one evening."

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"Kid" Robinson of Indianapolis, wants a match with either the "Canadian Kid" or the "Kentucky Kid." He says he will fight for a purse of from $100 to $500 either in public or private.

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"Brooklyn Tommy" West has issued a defi to Marvin Hart, Jack Root or "Young" Peter Jackson. He will meet any of the above-named before the club offering the best inducements for six ronds or more.

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On behalf of the Whittington Park Athletic club of Hot Springs, Ark., George Mulligan has offered Joe Gans, the lightweight champion, and Steve Crosby of Chicago a purse of $2,500 for a twenty round go.

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For a purse and a side bet of $1,000 Hughey McPadden offers to fight Young Corbett, Terry McGovern or Benny Yanger a limited number of rounds.

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Crookey Boyle claims that he got a rough deal at Pittsburg last Saturday night. Boyle states that he beat Jack McClelland, but was robbed of the decision.

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George Dixon, who is still in England, has issued a challenge to meet either Pedlar Palmer or Will Curley. Several clubs have agreed to offer a purse if the match is made.

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Jim Arnold, a Minnesota giant, aspires to become a second Jack Munroe. He weighs 240 pounds and has already won several fights against novices. He is twenty-two years of age and has been handling iron ore up in the Mesaba mountains. He is at West Baden, where he will be given some training. The first time Jeffries offers to meet all comers Arnold will be sent against the champion.

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Dan Creedon, who seems to have received a new lease of life, has been matched to box Bill McCall before the National Sporting club, Sydney, Australia, on Feb. 10. The limit is twenty rounds. McCall, while not a great fighter, is acknowledgedly clever and a stirring mill is expected. Should Creedon win he will go to England, where he has been promised a match before the National Sporting club, London, with Jack Palmer, the crack English middleweight.

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Ben Jordan has received a tempting offer to visit this country next fall and meet either Young Corbett or Terry McGovern. A fistic promoter of San Francisco has written to the English fighter that if he accepts he will give him a bonus of $2,000 whether he wins or loses. Jordan replied that he will not entertain a proposition so far as America is concerned at present. Jordan is now matched to tackle "Kid" Lavigne before the National Sporting club on Derby night.

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Kid Blackburn of Indianapolis is after a match with Joe Gans, the colored lightweight champion. Blackburn, in a letter to the sporting editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, claims that Gans has refused to fight him only for a side bet. Blackburn states that he will post a $500 forfeit to bind a match with Gans if the latter will fight for a purse. Blackburn is also willing to meet Kid Ash or any other lightweight in the country.

RACE GLEANINGS.

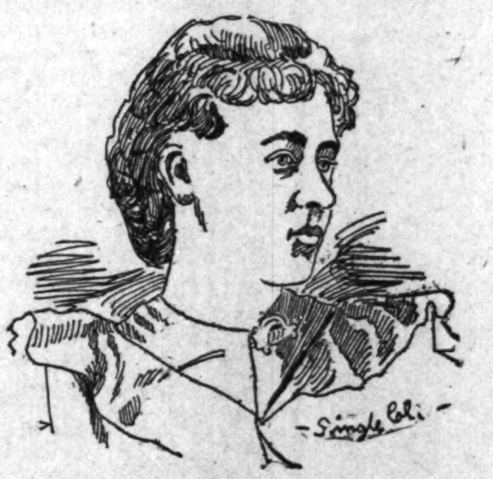
In the steerage of the White Star line steamer Teutonic, which sailed this month for Liverpool, were thirty-two colored men, twelve women and ten children, who are going to Liberia to settle. They come from Irwin county, Georgia. One of them said: "We are just poor farmers. Business was not very good with us so we got together, sold out our farms and are going to Liberia to begin life again." The party have about $2,000.

The Colored Knights of Honor of the World, held their grand lodge at Calvert, Texas, this month. J. T. Bradley was elected Grand Dictator.

He has well equipped offices and is doing well.

A few enterprising colored men in Washington, D. C., opened a shoe store about one year ago. They have had such wonderful success that they are going to enlarge their stock of goods.

The Abyssinia Baptist church the second oldest church in the State of New York of which Rev. Morris, the gifted young Negro preacher is pastor, purchased $65,000 worth of property in the heart of New York City. This church has a membership of 1,057.



MRS. ELIJAH JACKSON,
Whist Enthusiast, Colorado Springs, Col.

The U. B. F. and S. M. T. of Paris, Texas, are erecting a $2000 brick hall. They will conduct a store on the first floor and the second floor, will be used as a lodge room. This is progress right.

Geo. W. Jenkins, an educated young man formerly of Arkansas has located at Houston, Texas, and has gone into the real estate and insurance business.

In the United States there are, in round numbers, 10,000 Negro Baptist preachers, 12,000 churches, and a reported membership of 1,8000,000.

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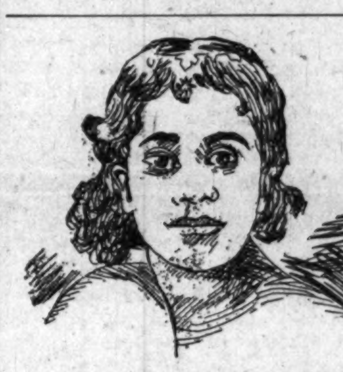
In our opinion the case of the colored postmistress of Indianola, Miss., who has been intimidated to the extent of resigning her position as postmistress on account of color, tells us that notwithstanding, we are living in a land which abounds with churches, school houses, colleges and institution of learning, there are still those among us who have not yet advanced far in the school of civilation. President Roosevelt's dicizion in the matter cannot be mistaken. Most probably he will enforce the revised statues in section 5518. The affairs of Uncle Sam is run by men of brain and common sense, and not by a few lawless men who fears not God, neither regard the laws of the land, and who would fail to respect their own women unless forced to compulsion.



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Emancipation Day.

Sedalia (Mo,) Special to The Freeman.

The Emancipation programme was nicely carried out here at the college Jan. 1; at 10:30 the students and friends assembled in chapel to listen to those who had been selected to speak on the occasion: Prof. H. L. Billups, registrar of George R. Smith College, "The Negro Fortieth Milestone of Progress." M. L. Mackey, class 1903, oration, "The Advancement of the Negro." W. H. Huston and Rev. R. Davis spoke; they gave some helpful thoughts about the progress the Negro has made in forty years. Dr. M. C. B. Mason, senior secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the M. E. Church was with us Wednesday night, Jan. 7, and gave a lecture on "The Battle of Waterloo," which was well taken in by all who heard him. The lecture was interesting and timely. His gift as an orator, financier and minister enables him to sway his hearers as he desires. It was through difficulties and trials that brought him to this standard May he live long to continue the work is the wish of the students. We have made quite a change in our building in the way of beautifying it. We have painted on the outside, papered one of the recitation rooms, front hall, and we hope that before March 11th, we can have our chapel papered and ere commencement we may have the dining hall beautified. We solicit the aid from all the friends of the institution of the dear old church and society under whose auspices we are enabled to be here in order to get knowledge. Our school class early in the spring and the spring and the institution will have a finer closing than it has ever had in its history. The school will have a large number of graduates from the following departments, college, academic and commercial. The literary talent of the school is fine and we are expecting some day in the near future to hear of some of this number occupying a great place in the literary world. The college have three of the best literary societies of any school—Philomathean, ladies, Masonian and Bowen, gentlemen, each are doing excellent work. The college has organized among young ladies, a Home Missionary Society; so you can see we are moving to the top. Our school is young, but we are pleased with the record we have made. We believe, that every dollar spent for practical education is an investment in good citizenship.

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THE FARM SEPARATOR.

The farm separator, while unquestionably a most practical and useful invention, is still raising the very mischief with the established creamery interests of many parts of the west. It goes without saying that only by united and co-operative effort of all the dairymen of a given community can the success of a creamery be assured. It is absolutely indispensable that all patrons of such a creamery shall work along the same methods and lines. No creamery in existence gets too much patronage. The larger the product the less the cost of production. Hundreds of creameries work at a disadvantage in not being able to command sufficient raw material to fully employ their capacity. In most of the creamery sections, after more or less tribulation, the creamery separator plan, which involves the hauling of the milk to the creamery, has become the established rule, and under it a very large measure of success has been attained. Now comes the farm separator, presenting some advantages over the old system—viz, a greatly improved quality of skimmilk for use on the farm and a material saving of expense in the matter of hauling the milk to the creamery. It thus happens that many dairymen are induced to try the farm separator, with the result that the established order of things is broken up, and the success of the creamery jeopardized. With the advent of this farm separator appear the representatives of centrally located butter making establishments offering to buy this farm separator cream to be shipped by rail anywhere from 100 to 300 miles. Now we have a word to say right here. We believe it to be wholly against the best interests of the farmers to encourage any proposition which will destroy their successful home co-operative enterprises and that until the time comes when it may seem proper for all to make at one time a change to the new plan they should let the farm separator alone where the creamery separator plan is in use. An organization in this matter simply means ruin to the dairy interests.

FORTY ACRES AND SIX IN FAMILY.

A reader of these notes in central Illinois wishes to know how his forty acre farm may be operated so as to support a family of six and pay off a small mortgage which there is upon it. The land is level and good and located within three and a half miles of a thrifty town of 6,000 people. It may be said that any of the old methods of farming could not be made to accomplish the result desired. Something new must be tried, and it must be in the line of an intensive and diversified agriculture. There should be on this farm six cows of the strictly dairy type, capable of producing 325 pounds of butter each per year; there should be not less than 300 hens, Plymouth Rocks recommended; there should be a small silo with a capacity of seventy or eighty tons; there should be two or three brood sows well bred. The farm should be divided into four fields of ten acres each, the boundary lines being fruit trees of varieties suited to that latitude. Ten acres should be kept in pasture, twenty acres in field crops, such as corn, potatoes, clover, millet, sorghum, oats, peas and alfalfa if it will grow. The remaining ten acres will include the homestead, a small fruit garden of five acres devoted to blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, currants, and the remaining three acres to be devoted to pieplant, asparagus, celery, beans, onions, sweet corn and other salable vegetables. This family of six will find all the work they want to do, and more, too, on this small tract of land thus operated. Thus conducted there will not be a day in the year when some product or other of this farm may not be taken to town for sale, and if intelligently operated upon the foregoing lines, proper attention being paid to the items of crop rotation and continuous and heavy fertilization of the soil, we would almost guarantee a good living for the family, an early payment of the mortgage and the steady building up of a comfortable bank account. This not only looks good on paper, but it is essentially good in practice.

A FOOLISH OLD BACHELOR.

This man was an old bachelor, and his kind do some mighty foolish things. He was sixty years old, owned a quarter section farm worth $12,000 and was free from debt. The recent land craze struck him. He fell into the toils of a smooth tongued land agent who gave him a free ride up to the jumping off place in British Columbia, where he was induced to buy $10,000 worth of range land at $8 per acre. He gave his note for the first payment of $4,000, which his local bank discounted, and loaded himself up with a yearly interest charge of $600, while he rented his good farm for $500 per annum. As he paid as much for his Canada land as it will probably be worth twenty years from now, he has got himself into a nice financial fix. Had he married some bright woman years ago, it is not likely that he would have done so foolish a thing. Don't be an old bachelor.

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The government has spent the sum of $240,000,000 in its effort to educate and civilize the American Indian, and about all it has to show for this expenditure is a football team at Carlisle, Pa., and an educated squaw wearing a blanket and beads at the Pine Ridge agency, who is an accomplished pianist. It might about as well have tried to make watchdogs of wolves.

Jno. Grigg

SETTING OUT A HEDGE.

A good many of our readers, both in town and country, may want to set out some sort of a hedge next spring. There are two or three things of importance connected with this undertaking—one, the proper selection of tree or shrub to be used for this purpose; another, to see that only young and healthy trees are used, and, third, to give such hedge the proper care when planted. We know of nothing that makes a better hedge, taking beauty and hardiness into consideration, than the common red cedar. The trees when planted should not be more than eight or ten inches high, should be thick and bushy and well rooted and be set not more than a foot apart. After the first year they should be carefully trimmed so as to thicken them up close to the ground and thus form a solid base for the future hedge. This cannot be done if trees of any size are used. After the trees are well rooted keep them mulched, and the future success of the hedge will depend wholly upon the care used in trimming it.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

The consolidation of the country schools, a subject which has awakened a good deal of interest during the past two years, is not making very rapid headway. There are serious objections connected with it, not the least of which is the removal from the community of the schoolhouse which under the present system serves as a gathering place for the people of the district. Then there is the transference of the management of local educational affairs into the hands of comparative strangers far away, all of which amounts to a deprivation of the right of local self government, which lies at the very foundation of our republican institutions. The consolidation of country schools should never be enforced where it is at all possible to maintain the district school under the present system and at the same time secure competent teachers.

A BAD INFLUENCE.

In early days when the prairie regions of the west were first settled it came about that nearly all of the choice tracts of timber were gobbled up by land speculators, leaving the settlers on the prairie without fuel and fencing which they could obtain lawfully. It did not take very long to place these tracts of speculators' timber lands in the minds of these settlers outside of the operation of both the moral and civil law. This business had a demoralizing effect upon the settlers. We know of one community where not until the last stick of speculators' timber was gone was it possible to maintain any kind of a religious service. After the timber was gone a church was built, and the men who stole the timber are now bright and shining lights therein.

LOOKING TOWARD THE FARM.

We received a letter not long since from a merchant doing business in a town in a western state in which he said that every dollar he was able to save was being put into an eighty acre farm located three miles from his town and that just as soon as he could he was going to quit the store and move on to his farm, where, he says, he believes he will be free from the daily fret and worry incident to competitive business life. We think he is right in his conclusions. More than ever before the farm conducted on modern plans is becoming attractive to a very large class of men engaged in mercantile and professional lines of business and is one gratifying evidence that the tendency of men to rush to the city is being gradually overcome.

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Grand Ovation and Banquet.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—A grand ovation and banquet under the auspices of the Mothers' Union was tendered Rev. E. J. Fisher, D. D., Monday evening, the 19th, as it was his installation as pastor of Olivet Baptist church, 27th and Dearborn street. There were somewhere about two hundred seated at the banquet table. Invocation by Rev. Knight. The church was packed from pulpit to door by lookers on and people who could not get at the table. Mr. William Jefferson, in behalf of the church, made a beautiful welcome address. The welcome address by S. A. Griffin in behalf of the Deacon's board was ably presented. H. T. Elby, as superintendent of the Sunday-school, in an oratorical manner, delivered a beautiful welcome from his department. O. L. Ballinger, Rev. Johnstone Myers, pastor of Emanuel Baptist church, Rev. A. J. Carey of Quinn Chapel, A. M. E. church, Hon. B. F. Mosley, Dr. George C. Hall, Mrs. L. A. Davis, national organizer of colored woman's clubs, and M. N. Work paid great honors to Rev. Fisher. The solos by Mrs. Carrie Dennie French and Dr. J. N. Croker were well rendered and applanded by the church. Rev. P. J. Bryant of Atlanta, Ga., once a pupil under Rev. Fisher, delivered the installation sermon in a very pleasing manner. In his acceptance Rev. Fisher displayed great care, and being endowed with blessings from above as a christian, spoke in such a manner of his incoming administration that all, both friends and enemies, received him as their friend and pastor May God bless him and guide him safely. The banquet was nicely handled by experienced waiters. Mrs. M. A. Thornton and Albert P. Smith, employes of the Chicago postoffice, are on the sick list. Ernest Hogan, the comedian, is the guest of Daniel Jackson while in the city. Mrs. Jennie Raymore has a severe cold. Miss Mattie Clark, who has been on the sick list, is able to be out again. Any one wishing to take The Freeman by the year can notify Mrs. Lizzie Blakey, 436 Wells street, or P. R. Hendrix, 336 Tenty-seventh street. Also, items of interest will be attended to if given in not later than Monday evening.

Thirty-Seventh Annual Convention.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—The 37th annual convention of the Bricklayers' and Masons' International Union of America was held here in January, 1903 They are a splendid body of colored men representing different unions. A rousing welcome by the city officials and labor organizations was given them. The color line was drawn when it came to banqueting the colored delegates. They had a swell banquet tendered them January 19th at Smith's cafe, 145 Beale street. Twenty white officials attended. Charles L. Berry of Youngstown, Ohio, was toastmaster for the evening. The banquet was quite a success. Mrs. Mattie Buttle of Jackson, Miss., is stopping at the Smith cafe. Mrs. H. Anderson of Oxford, Miss., was the guest of Mrs E. Beale, 298 South street. Call on E. B. Gill when you want a Freeman. Mrs. Sofrona Carr died at the residence of her mother, 198 Desoto street. She leaves a husband, mother and sister to mourn their loss. Charles L. Berry left for Youngstown, Ohio. He made quite a number of friends while here.

Kentucky News Items.

Nicholasville, Ky., Special.—The Baptists are carrying on a revival, which has proven to be very successful so far. It is the greatest revival that Nicholasville has had for some years. Rev. Lee Gray of Cincinnati is doing the preaching. Miss Katie Welch has arrived home from St. Louis, Mo. James H. Wilson has closed a very successful season with the Cooke Peerless band of Lexington, Ky. The A. M. E. church is the prettiest house of worship in Nicholasville. May the other two take a tumble. Messrs. George Carter, Mike Bell and Thomas Nelson are expert waiters at the Hotel Nicholas. Mr. Carter is a good performer at the piano, Mr. Bell is a pugilist, while Mr. Nelson is a foot ball player of great renown. Subscribe for The Freeman.

News From Utah.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Special.—The G. U. O of O. F. Salt Lake Lodge No. 3895 gave their fourth annual smoker Thursday, Jan. 22. Mrs. B. B. Allyn and daughter left on Sunday, the 18th, for their home in Denver, Col., after a pleasant visit of six months Miss Jessie Griffin, a Salt Lake belle, will leave in the near future for Dallas, Texas, to visit her aunt, Mrs. Louise Wade. Mr. John Barnes has moved his barbershop to 18 Commercial street. Salt Lake people are now looking for the Commercial club boys to give their grand ball.

Odd Fellows' Ball Postponed.

Washington, Pa., Special.—The grand ball that was to have been given by McFarland Lodge No. 2802, Odd Fellows, on the 22d, has been postponed until a future date, on account of revival services at the different churches. Mrs. Martha Streat, who has been visiting relatives here since Christmas, returned to her home in Newcastle on the 23d. Lemuel B. Burgess, waiter at the Seigel Hotel, met with a painful accident by getting his hand cut. He will be laid up several weeks. Nathan Miller, of Wheeling, W. Va., has accepted a position at the Siegel Hotel. The Freeman is on sale at 18 E. Chestnut street, every Saturday.

Happenings Around the Fort.

Ft. Reno, Okla., Special.—A meeting was held in the post hall recently for the purpose of organizing a company to go to the Philippines to colonize and build the town of Sanfernando, Province of Zambles, by ex-soldiers of the 25th U. S. Infantry. C. W. Owens, of Cementville, Ind., was elected president; Wm. Lewis, of Co. F, secretary; E. Reynolds, treasurer. C. W. Owens is a bright and promising young man and has made a study of Philippines and its people during his three years service there, and can speak the language like a native. Wm. J. Haynes, 1st Sergt. Co. F, 25th Inft., who was married on the 7th to Miss Zacha Gordon, of El Reno, O. T., has built a nice little cottage in the Fort. They entertained the club known as Bully Monks on the 19th. The Bully Monks is one of the swellest clubs in Oklahoma. It takes its name from the daring and brave deeds done by its members during the war in the Philippines, and the natives gave them the name of Bully Monks. Sergt. L. S. King, of Co. F, and Miss Sadie Shannon, of El Reno, Okla., were quietly married at the home of the bride on the 18th. B. Smith has sold his saloon and will open a first class ice cream parlor for the pleasure of the boys in blue during the summer. Sergt. Reynolds and bride have returned from their bridal trip and will take charge of the post laundry. Company F, 25th Infantry has the two best cooks in the army. They are A. L. Fuller and C. Pain, with little Bull Smith as dining room man. The Tuxedo club, of Ft. Reno, gave a swell ball at the fort on the 19th. Among the many guests were Miss Sallie Yeager, of King Fisher, and Mrs. Bettie Owens, of Guthrie. Music was furnished by Parker's orchestra.

Pertinent, Pithy Pickings.

Lebanon, Ky., Special.—The son of Prof. K. Smith has been quite ill for the past week, and has been under the care of a trained nurse. The funeral of Mrs. Vina Pruette took place from the C. M. E. church on the 20th inst. She was 71 years old, and had been a member of the church for fifty years. Mrs. Mattie Irvin, who came here to attend her mother's funeral, has returned to her home in Louisville. Mrs. Mattie Grundy, who has been very ill for some time, is much improved. Miss Mary Ray, one of the teachers in the city schools, who has been ill for three weeks, has resumed her work in the schools. The song service was very good at Zion church last Sunday.

Pertinent Pick-ups.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—Mrs. Mary E Boyd, of Paducah, is the guest of her brother, Charles Cook, in Twelfth street. Thomas Newton is at the Galt House. Henry Rodgers, who has been ill, is out again. Joe Milligan, a well known waiter who has been in Chicago several weeks, has returned to the city. William Lockey gave a box party in honor of Robert King. Stop at 1031 W. Walnut street and get a copy of The Freeman.

Election of Officers.

Louisville (Ky.) Special to The Freeman.

The Louisville Negro Business League held its annual election Friday night, Jan. 23, with the following results: S. W. Jordan, president; E. I. Masterson, vice-president; W. J. Sylkman, 2d vice-president; W. T. Garnett, secretary; Walter Ramsey, assistant secretary; J. R. Neighbors, treasurer; N. R. Harper, league attorney. Executive Board: Junius Perkins, Joseph Hocker, E. W. Hansberry, R. R. Smith, J. S. Hobson, David Baker, Joseph Crane, H. H. Able and J. B. Fuller. The installation will take place at G. B. Sanders, 533 W. Green street, Feb. 13.

A Brilliant Wedding.

Natchitoches, La., Special.—Miss Eunice Bell and Mr. Walter Kinsler were married at Asbury M. E. Church, Tuesday, Jan. 20, at exactly 8:15 p. m. The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. Daniel and Mrs. Perran Bell, is one of the most graceful, intelligent and industrious young ladies of the town. Mr. Kinsler comes well recommended from Donaldsonsville, La. We bespeak for them a pleasant voyage upon the matrimonial sea.

J. W. THOMAS.

Social and Enterprise.

Bloomington, Ill., Special.—The waiters of the New Illinois hotel gave a swell ball at the new armory hall Thursday the 5th, under the management of dining-room waiters, Prof. Dillon's band of ten pieces filled the hall with glowing music. Tickets were sold at $1 per couple and the grand march began at 8:30 o'clock, something seldom happens. Mr. Bass, a colored blacksmith, has become a partner with Mr. Browning, a wealthy white blacksmith of the city. Their cards are headed, "R. M. Browning and Z. H. Bass, Browning & Bass, horseshoeing and plow works, carriage and wagon repairing."

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SOME INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENTS ON HOLIDAY NUMBER.

The Christmas number of the Indianapolis Freeman was simply superb. It represented both artistic and intellectual high water mark.—Washington Record.

Three of our contemporaries (Colored) ran very excellent Christmas number's during the holidays They were The Chicago Broadax, The Indianapolis Freeman and The Florida Sentinel. We congratulate you all, dear brethren, and hope your "great issues" an earnest measure of success—Boston Guardian

The Afro-American press gang celebrated the Christmastide in various ways. The Atlanta Age boldly announced that on account of Christmas, no paper would be issued next week. The St. Paul Appeal playfully printed a group of chorus girls upside down. The Indianapolis Freeman, the Florida Sentinel, the Topeka Plaindealer, the Oakland Sunshine and others got out special Christmas numbers of more or less attractiveness—New York Age.

The Christmas Freeman was a magnificent production, and one of which every Negro should feel proud. I looked at it until I became lost in admiration. May The Freeman live on forever and keep its good work agoing. There is always a warm spot in my heart for it.—Albert B. Jhonson, 1209 N. Third street, West Superior, Wis.

Rutherford, Ala., Jan. 13, 1903.

Mr. Geo. L Knox, Indianapolis, Ind:

Dear Sir.—You will find inclosed $1,00 my subscription to The Freeman. I highly appreciate your kindness for having sent it to me so long without pay. Your holiday number was a hummer from away back. Yours

J. W. DAWSON.

Praiseworthy.

Mr. E. C. Knox—I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the superbness of the Christmas issue, and to wish you a successful and prosperous new year. Having observed the various vicissitudes of The Freeman from its inception in '86 or '87 there has been no backward movement in its progress, and it certainly stands to-day as the "Lone" exponent of Negro journalism. The only paper that came near being a dangerous rival was the Petersburg, Va., Herald, but it even had to succumb to The Freeman's superior excellence. May its lustre never grow dim.

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A LADY of New Iberia, La.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 17, 1902.

Madame McNairdee, Indianapolis, Ind.:

Dear Madame.—Your letter like a ray of sunshine, came duly to hand and I am very pleased with it, for every word of it were true; I am sorry that I did not write to you months ago. I enclose $6.00 for your service, hoping that you may be successful in bringing about desired results. I feel quite sure that you can. I am very sorry to hear of your being ill, and sincerely hope your speedy recovery.

Molino, Fla., Nov. 14, 1902.

Madame:—You are the proper person in the proper place. All that you say is true and all you do is good. May God bless you.

F. J.

Guntersville, Ala., Oct. 26, 1902.

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Copies of The Freeman can be found every Saturday at Johnson Bros.' shaving parlor, 101 Malvern avenue; Henry F. Foster general agent, 36 Aspen street.

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THE GRAND FOUNTAIN OF THE UNITED ORDER OF TRUE REFORMERS

Is the leading colored Fraternal Society of the United States. It was organized January 1881 by William H. Browne and chartered in April 1883 under the laws of the State of Virginia with headquarters at Richmond, Va. Its membership is both male and female and consists of all persons of good health from fourteen to sixty years of age. Its membership of 60,000 is divided into Fountains and Circles. It pays sick benefits from $1.50 to $2.50 per week and pays death benefits from $24.50 to $1,000.00.

BENEFITS PAID.

Total benefits paid to date: Sick Dues, $1,500,000.00; Death Benefits, $714,378.75.

SENIOR FOUNTAINS.

A Fountain may be organized consisting of twenty or more persons not over fifty years of age paying a joining fee of from $4.60 to $5.10 each. The monthly dues are not less than thirty-five cents in rural districts and not less than fifty cents per month in towns and cities and a semi-annual tax of forty cents paid in January and July of each year. Sick benefits paid are from $1.50 to $2.50 per week, while death benefits range from $75.00 to $125.00. A Fountain may be organized in any locality on application to Rev. W. L. Taylor, G. W. Master, or to any of his authorized deputies.

ROSEBUDS.

For the proper training of the young and their development in thrift, industry and brotherly love, there has been formed a Children's Department known as the Rosebuds. Twenty or more children not less than three nor more than fourteen years of age may from a Rosebud, upon the payment of $1.00 each. This department like the Senior Fountain pays sick benefits from $1.00 to twenty-five cents per week and death benefits from $24.50 to $37.00. The monthly dues are fifteen cents per month.

CLASSES.

Persons desiring to leave their beneficiaries at death a larger amount than is paid from Fountain department take out policies in one or more of the Classes of the Mutual benefit degree. The members of this degree are devided into Circles and pay joining fees and dues according to the following tables:

CLASS "B" TABLE

AGES.	Joining Fee.	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Annual Dues	Q'rterly Dues
14 to 25	$ 2 50	$ 200 00	$ 100 00	$ 4 75	$ 1 20
25 to 30	2 75	200 00	100 00	4 75	1 20
30 to 35	3 00	300 00	100 00	4 75	1 20
35 to 40	3 25	200 00	100 00	5 70	1 43
40 to 45	3 50	140 00	70 00	5 79	1 43
45 to 50	3 75	115 00	58 00	6 65	1 66
50 to 55	4 00	90 00	45 00	6 65	1 66
55 to 60	4 25	65 00	33 00	7 60	1 90

CLASS "E" TABLE.

AGES.	Joining Fee	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Value of Certificate before 1 yr	Annual Dues	Q'rterly Dues
14 to 25	$ 5 00	$ 500 00	$ 250 00	$ 9 50	$ 2 50
25 to 30	5 25	500 00	250 00	9 50	2 40
30 to 35	5 50	500 00	250 00	9 50	2 40
35 to 40	5 75	500 00	250 00	10 40	2 60
40 to 45	6 00	450 00	225 00	10 40	2 60
45 to 50	6 25	400 00	200 00	11 40	2 85
50 to 60	6 50	350 00	175 00	11 40	2 85

CLASS "M" TABLE.

AGES.	Joining Fee	Value of Certificate	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues
14 to 30	$ 11 00	$ 1000 00	$ 21 00	$ 5 25
30 to 35	12 00	1000 00	22 00	5 50
35 to 40	12 00	900 00	23 00	5 75
40 to 45	13 00	800 00	24 00	6 00
45 to 50	13 00	700 00	25 00	6 25

REGALIA.

The members of the Fountains and Rosebuds of the organization wear no expensive regalia. The regalia of the organization is simple and its cost within the reach of all costing from 10 cents to $350 the same is made by the organization in what is known as the Regalia Department.

THE SAVINGS BANK.

In March 1888, there was granted by the Legislature of Virginia, a charter to the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountian United Order of True Reformers, capital stock $100,000 00. The bank commenced bussiness April 3rd, 1889, and from that time down to the present has steadily increased in volume of business. It now has a paid-up capital stock of $100,000.00. From the humble sum of $1.268.69 deposited the first day the bank opened for business in 1889, the deposits have grown to $350,858.00, and the volume of business transacted amounts to $6,190,141.47. During the financial panic of 1893, the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain was the only bank in the city of Richmond that did not cease to pay cash on all checks presented while the majority of other banks were using script and clearing-house checks. This bank had its origin in the brain of William W. Browne an ex slave of Habersham county, Ga. The banking house is located at 604 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va., Rev. W. L. Taylor, President; R. T. Hill, Cashier.

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT

The Real Estate Department has charge of all the real property to the amount of $225,221.65, situated in various States, consisting of 18 magnificent buildings used as halls 8 dwellings, 1 hotel, 5 stores and 3 farms. It also has under its control 16 large buildings leased by it.

This department is under the management of Lawyer J. C. Robertson, Chief of Real Estate and Attorney for the organization, with offices at 604 N. Second street, Richmond, Va.

REFORMER'S MECANTILE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION

Was chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia on the 14th day of December 1899 with principal office in the city of Richmond, Va. The purpose of this Association is to conduct stores (wholesale and retail) buy and sell real property, manage and control hotels, manufacturing establishments, and general business. The Association has in operation Hotel Reformer, 900 N. Sixth street, Richmond, Va. It is a modern up-to-date structure, heated by steam, cold and hot water baths, also electric cars passing the door. This hotel has accommodation for 150 guests. Mr. A. W. Holmes is manager and Mr. T. W. Taylor is clerk. It has in operation a system of five stores, located as follows: Richmond, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Manchester, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; and Roanoke, Va. The first of these stores, at Richmond, Va., was opened April 3rd, 1900. It emyloys a force of eighteen men, runs three delivery wagons, and during the first year did $50,000 worth of business. The other stores have been established since and have been equally as prosperous. The General Manager of the system of stores is Mr. B. L. Jordan, headquarters at 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va. This Association was formed on the plans and recommendations made by Rev. W. L. Taylor, its President.

THE REFORMER PRINTING DEPARTMENT

Issues a weekly journal, THE REFORMER, which has a circulation of 12,000. This paper is published in the interest of the race, and discusses the leading questions of the day. The subscription price is $1 per year, or 5c per single copy. The office is equipped with modern up-to-date machinery, run by electricity. It can print anything from a visiting card to a poster 12 by 62 inches. Fine job-work of every class and description is made a specialty at lowest prices. Mr. E. W. Brown is Editor and Business Manager, office 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va. Correspondence solicited and agents wanted.

OLD FOLKS' HOME.

In September 1893, Rev. William W. Brown recommended the formation and establishment of Old Folks' Homes for the benefit of the old and decrepid members of the race. Since that time the valuable farm known as Westham, consisting of 634¼ acres, located six miles from Richmond, Va., on the historic "James" has been purchased at a cost of $14,400. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs through the farm and Westham Station is located on it. Adjoining this farm is Westhampton Park, one of the most pleasant resorts in the South in summer. It is reached in a few minutes from Richmond by the Westhampton Electric Railway and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

As this home is for the benefit of the whole race, the co-operation of all charitable friends is prayfully solicited. All contributions, donations and bequeaths of every character will be very thankfully received. Mr. T. W. Taylor is chief in charge of the Old Folks' Homes, offices at 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va.

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SPORT

Edited By BREAKAWAY.

"I was never made to be an actor," says Jack Munroe. "I am tired of that business, and would rather fight six fights a week than act one evening."

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"Kid" Robinson of Indianapolis, wants a match with either the "Canadian Kid" or the "Kentucky Kid." He says he will fight for a purse of from $100 to $500 either in public or private.

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"Brooklyn Tommy" West has issued a defi to Marvin Hart, Jack Root or "Young" Peter Jackson. He will meet any of the above-named before the club offering the best inducements for six ronds or more.

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On behalf of the Whittington Park Athletic club of Hot Springs, Ark., George Mulligan has offered Joe Gans, the lightweight champion, and Steve Crosby of Chicago a purse of $2,500 for a twenty round go.

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For a purse and a side bet of $1,000 Hughey McPadden offers to fight Young Corbett, Terry McGovern or Benny Yanger a limited number of rounds.

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Crockey Boyle claims that he got a rough deal at Pittsburg last Saturday night. Boyle states that he beat Jack McClelland, but was robbed of the decision.

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George Dixon, who is still in England, has issued a challenge to meet either Pedlar Palmer or Will Curley. Several clubs have agreed to offer a purse if the match is made.

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Jim Arnold, a Minnesota giant, aspires to become a second Jack Munroe. He weighs 240 pounds and has already won several fights against novices. He is twenty-two years of age and has been handling iron ore up in the Mesaba mountains. He is at West Baden, where he will be given some training. The first time Jeffries offers to meet all comers Arnold will be sent against the champion.

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Dan Creedon, who seems to have received a new lease of life, has been matched to box Bill McCall before the National Sporting club, Sydney, Australia, on Feb. 10. The limit is twenty rounds. McCall, while not a great fighter, is acknowledgedly clever and a stirring mill is expected. Should Creedon win he will go to England, where he has been promised a match before the National Sporting club, London, with Jack Palmer, the crack English middleweight.

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Ben Jordan has received a tempting offer to visit this country next fall and meet either Young Corbett or Terry McGovern. A fistic promoter of San Francisco has written to the English fighter that if he accepts he will give him a bonus of $2,000 whether he wins or loses. Jordan replied that he will not entertain a proposition so far as America is concerned at present. Jordan is now matched to tackle "Kid" Lavigne before the National Sporting club on Derby night.

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Kid Blackburn of Indianapolis is after a match with Joe Gans, the colored lightweight champion. Blackburn, in a letter to the sporting editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, claims that Gans has refused to fight him only for a side bet. Blackburn states that he will post a $500 forfeit to bind a match with Gans if the latter will fight for a purse. Blackburn is also willing to meet Kid Ash or any other lightweight in the country.

RACE GLEANINGS.

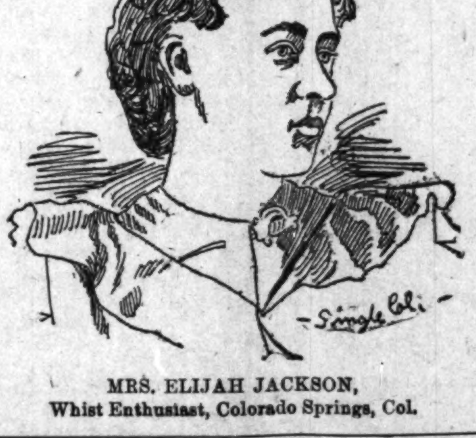
In the steerage of the White Star line steamer Teutonic, which sailed this month for Liverpool, were thirty-two colored men, twelve women and ten children, who are going to Liberia to settle. They come from Irwin county, Georgia. One of them said: "We are just poor farmers. Business was not very good with us so we got together, sold out our farms and are going to Liberia to begin life again." The party have about $2,000.

The Colored Knights of Honor of the World, held their grand lodge at Calvert, Texas, this month. J. T. Bradley was elected Grand Dictator.

He has well equipped offices and is doing well.

A few enterprising colored men in Washington, D. C., opened a shoe store about one year ago. They have had such wonderful success that they are going to enlarge their stock of goods.

The Abyssinia Baptist church the second oldest church in the State of New York of which Rev. Morris, the gifted young Negro preacher is pastor, purchased $65,000 worth of property in the heart of New York City. This church has a membership of 1,057.



MRS. ELIJAH JACKSON,
Whist Enthusiast, Colorado Springs, Col.

The U. B. F. and S. M. T. of Paris, Texas, are erecting a $2000 brick hall. They will conduct a store on the first floor and the second floor will be used as a lodge room. This is progress right.

Geo. W. Jenkins, an educated young man formerly of Arkansas has located at Houston, Texas, and has gone into the real estate and insurance business.

In the United States there are, in round numbers, 10,000 Negro Baptist preachers, 12,000 churches, and a reported membership of 1, 8000,000.

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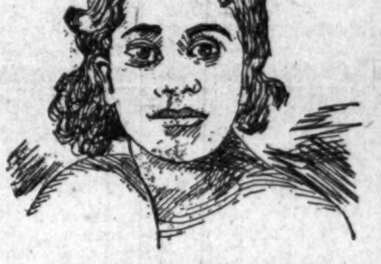
In our opinion the case of the colored postmistress of Indianola, Miss., who has been intimidated to the extent of resigning her position as postmistress on account of color, tells us that notwithstanding, we are living in a land which abounds with churches, school houses, colleges and institution of learning, there are still those among us who have not yet advanced far in the school of civilation. President Roosevelt's dicizion in the matter cannot be mistaken. Most probably he will enforce the revised statues in section 5518. The affairs of Uncle Sam is run by men of brain and common sense, and not by a few lawless men who fears not God, neither regard the laws of the land, and who would fail to respect their own women unless forced to compulsion.



MRS. CECIL SMITH-WATTS,
Soubrette, Topeka, Kan.

Emancipation Day.

Sedalia (Mo,) Special to The Freeman.

The Emancipation programme was nicely carried out here at the college Jan. 1; at 10:30 the students and friends assembled in chapel to listen to those who had been selected to speak on the occasion: Prof. H. L. Billups, registrar of George R. Smith College, "The Negro Fortieth Milestone of Progress." M. L. Mackey, class 1903, oration, "The Advancement of the Negro." W. H. Huston and Rev. R. Davis spoke; they gave some helpful thoughts about the progress the Negro has made in forty years. Dr. M. C. B. Mason, senior secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the M. E. Church was with us Wednesday night, Jan. 7, and gave a lecture on "The Battle of Waterloo," which was well taken in by all who heard him. The lecture was interesting and timely. His gift as an orator, financier and minister enables him to sway his hearers as he desires. It was through difficulties and trials that brought him to this standard May he live long to continue the work is the wish of the students. We have made quite a change in our building in the way of beautifying it. We have painted on the outside, papered one of the recitation rooms, front hall, and we hope that before March 11th, we can have our chapel papered and ere commencement we may have the dining hall beautified. We solicit the aid from all the friends of the institution of the dear old church and society under whose auspices we are enabled to be here in order to get knowledge. Our school class early in the spring and the spring and the institution will have a finer closing than it has ever had in its history. The school will have a large number of graduates from the following departments, college, academic and commercial. The literary talent of the school is fine and we are expecting some day in the near future to hear of some of this number occupying a great place in the literary world. The college have three of the best literary societies of any school—Philomathean, ladies, Masonian and Bowen, gentlemen, each are doing excellent work. The college has organized among young ladies, a Home Missionary Society; so you can see we are moving to the top. Our school is young, but we are pleased with the record we have made. We believe, that every dollar spent for practical education is an investment in good citizenship.

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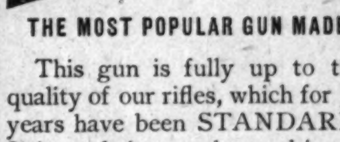

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CITY AND SOCIETY BRIEFS.

Bishop Grant is in the city.

Miss Lillian Hill continues very ill.

Mrs. Daniel Brown is ill with typhoid fever.

Miss Delilah Scott in Fifteenth street, is convalescent.

Mrs. Nora Baird is seriously ill at her home in Fayette street.

Charles W. Love, our esteem friend, is on the sick list this week.

Go to the Atlas Cloak and Suit House, 211 Indiana avenue, for bargains.

Rev. H. Griffin, pastor of the M. E. Church, Muncie, was in the city this week.

Communion at St. Phillips Mission Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Prof. Damon will render a violin solo.

Mrs. W. W. Richardson entertained Woman's Club Monday afternoon at her home in W. Twenty-sixth street.

The reception given by the Church Aid Circle in honor of the Rev. G. A. Sissle was a success in every respect.

Mrs Lavenia B. Sneed was called to Chicago this week on account of the death of her brother's wife, Mrs. J. C. Elliott.

Since Rev. Griffin's appointment last August to the church at Muncie, he has raised nearly $300, with nine accessions to the church.

Misses Mary B. Vancleave, Eva M. Walker and Margaretta G. Price, graduated from the Manual Training High-school last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Steward Williams in N. West street, gave a dinner party in honor of Mrs. Aaron Taylor and Mr W. H. Morris last Sunday. The affair was quite enjoyable to all.

Dr. E. L. Faulkner, a member of the Pharmaceutical department of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., was in the city last Sunday en route to New York city to spend the summer.

Morgan & Shelton report the following recent burials: Norris Jones, Geo. Thompson, Mrs. Arwilla Dudley, Lydia Williams, Ruth Phillips, Shedrack Isaacs, Rubena Palmer, Aaron Milligan, Hattie Whitney, Robert Bruce Bagby, Lydia Hatch and Mrs. Duncan.

We announce last week of the entertainment celebration at Allen Chapel Feb. 9, which was a typographical error and overlook. The affair will be next Wednesday the 11th. We correct the mistake and solicit the public to patronize and assist the trustees of that church in paying off their debt. Mr. Gurley Brewer has the management it is said, he has an elaborate program.

PROF. DAMON WILL TOUR OHIO.

Prof. A. M. Damon, the greatest Negro virtuoso, the acknowledged king of the violin, will make a tour through Ohio in the very near future. He is fully able to sustain his reputation, having studied under some of the masters, and has also taught the violin in schools and colleges. The professor is the only colored man in America that plays the harp-zither. Damon belongs in the master class. All should hear him. feb-7-tf

BUSINESS INTERESTS

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Happenings of the Week.

Hannibal, Mo., Special—Mrs. J. W. Sexton was greatly surprised on Saturday evening, Jan. 31, by nearly half a hundred persons, it being her birthday anniversary. She received many presents. Refreshments were served by the Mite Missionary Society. Mrs. Jane Clay was called to Brookfield to her daughter's bedside, Mrs. Wm Hamilton, who is reported quite ill. Mrs. Lena Mason is ill at her home on Spruce street. Samuel Smith, one of the oldest members of Allen Chapel, is critically ill at his home on North 8th street. A mass meeting was held at the Eighth and Centre Street Baptist church, Monday evening, Feb 2, for the purpose of discussing "Jim Crow" cars in the State of Missouri. Mrs. Sadie Helen, Mrs. Patsy Jackson, Mrs. Georgian Maupin and Mrs. Annie Glen are numbered on the sick list. Miss Bessie Shepard and Miss Georgia Ely, who have been quite ill, are able to be out again. Elder J. J Fugate and Benj. Berr are new subscribers to The Freeman. Household of Ruth No. 101 has purchased an organ for their hall on Broadway, and will give a "Crazy supper" in the near future. Miss Minnie Allen was in Quincy, Ill., on Sunday, Feb 1st, visiting relatives and friends. Get The Freeman every Saturday from Walter W. Booher, 109 Washington avenue.

General Happennings.

Lebanon, Ky., Special.—Little Sadie Smith, daughter of Prof. K Smith, died on the 26th ult., at the age of 1 year. The funeral took place at the A M. E. Zion church on the 27th, Rev. Dr Brown officiating. Rev. Joseph Irvin died on the 30th ult., and was buried on the 31st. He was 93 years old and had been a christian 70 years. He had been a preacher for a half century. He served in the civil war and was honorably discharged. He died in the full triumph of faith. The funeral was attended by Rev. Dr. T. A. Brown, assisted by Rev. Wm. McElroy, pastor of the C. M. E. church. Quarterly meeting will be held at Zion church to-morrow. The presiding elder will be present and a good time is anticipated spiritually. A donkey and pie-eating supper will be given at Knights of Tabor hall tonight, for the benefit of Zion church.

Some Declarations.

Edtitor of The Freeman:

Dear Sir.—The Freeman is declared by both black and white to be the greatest Negro journal printed. White men gather here daily, although a weekly paper, and read The Freeman for an hour at a time. I believe that every man, woman and child of color should read The Freeman, Yours truly

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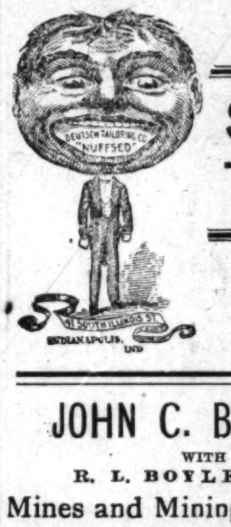

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